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the mountain and to be taken care of
Miriam, Miriam, Miriam, Miriam, then
Miriam, the young, where the ladies
Sham and company are enlightened.



THE ARGUMENT.

SHEM going to put up hangings in a spacious room of the ark, finds it adorned with paintings, which NOAH at length concludes to be a prophetic representation of the life of the SAVIOUR. Their attention is called off from these pictures by the appearance of a comet. The youths are amazed and perplexed, but SIFHA attempts to remove their doubts. MILCAH informs the brides of her hopes to be removed by death, and endeavours to assuage their grief for her loss. SHEM ascending the mountain to remove the terror his wife and sisters might feel on account of the comet, is surprized at finding them undismayed. The ark is laden with the produce of Paradise. SIFHA is ordered by a celestial messenger to ascend the mount and die. He takes leave of NOAH, blesses HAM and JAPHETH; then ascends the mountain, where he blesses SHEM and comforts his daughters.

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whose digestive matter had found a

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BOOK VII.

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ALREADY was the ark partition'd into chambers for man and receptacles for the animals, and already was it cover'd with a sloping roof; but still every ornament was wanting. SUM going one morning into a spacious room in the middle story, to put up hangings, the beautiful works of SIPHA's daughters,

whose depictive needles had form'd a lively representation of the sacred places in the mount; with amazement sees it painted with skill more than human. Enraptur'd he surveys the wondrous work, for the expressive paintings in the walls and ceilings spoke the workmanship divine. Glorious advances had, even in those early times, been made in other arts, when every part was the warm touches of the pen and from that perfection to which, after a long succession of ages, they were carry'd in Greece and Rome. Then groups of figures were huddled together; a dull sameness prevail'd throughout the whole, and perspective was unknown. But here, on the story'd walls, are shown in the utmost perfection the colouring was proper and natural, every figure projected distinct, some near, and others in gradual distances; the proportions of the figures were admirable, and the gradations of light and shade accord-

intelligence is visible through all the splendid work, and evidently directed the hand that form'd it. At first with silent wonder and disuultory eye, they rove over the various compartments then fix'd survey some particular piece, reading in the expressive countenance every emotion of the mind: But in what age of the world liv'd the persons represented, or in what nation, was to them unknown.

The cieling seem'd to rise into a lofty dome, in the center of which, was a wheel'd throne of sapphire, animated by an indwelling spirit, attended by four cherubs. The wheels were studded with glittering beryl, and between them, fire blaz'd prompt for vengeance. On the throne sat a judge, arm'd with thunder, terrible his visage, terrible the front of his throne, and terrible the thundering wheels, whence, with irresistible rapidity issu'd destruction;

BOOK VII. IN ADAM.

hurling down myriads of beings, for
whom open'd a flaming abyſs. While
round the judge, flew multitudes of
bright ſpirits, ſhining with all the ef-
fulgence of celeftial glory.

Twenty hiſtories in twenty compart-
ments adorn'd the ſtately room, and
in each expreſſion deſign, and vary'd
tints, join'd to invite the charm'd eye.
After long gazing, loſt in wonder and
delight, JAPHETH cry'd, How has ad-
miracion bound my feet, that I have
not acquainted our fathers with the
magnificence with which ſome celeftial
aſt, has thus embellish'd the ark.
their long experience will, perhaps,
enable them to diſcover the age and
people, who are the ſubjects of theſe ex-
quifite performances. He then haſted
with the joyful news, and with no leſs
haſte, the venerable fathers came to
view the ſight. Not leſs amaz'd than
their ſons, they gaz'd on the paintings.

with apparitions, but equally conceal'd
from them, were the times, the garb,
and manner of the persons, they saw thus
beautifully represented. After long
consideration, and the comparison of
the prophecies reveal'd by the Most
High, and the angelic spirits, to his
presentiments, Noah said, if my con-
jectures be right, the subject of these
various pieces shall be bid in the womb of
time, and the events here represented
will not be actually fulfill'd till after a
long series of years, when the divine
Messiah shall appear in a human form,
and on earth, convey to him
who from nothing has peopled the in-
finite regions of space, and to whom
future ages shall perhaps here
display the events now figur'd out.
From you my dear children, shall these
people descend. But what divine
figure is this? A heavenly figure
adorns his awful face, and the brightest

eye. Though angels enaptur'd, in
this piece administer to his relief, you
there find, that he is not insensible to
the wants of man, using food, apparel,
and sleep. With what more than hu-
man dignity is he adorn'd? How my
heart beats, surely this is the gracious
REDEEMER, and each piece in prophe-
tic painting, displays the glorious work
of redemption. Oh what comforts shall
I receive in the rolling ark, when en-
compass'd with the waters of the deluge,
if the benevolent angel, who has pro-
mis'd me his cheering visits, will in-
struct me, by explaining these hidden
mysteries!

From the gladdening contemplation
of these miraculous paintings, their
attention was soon withdrawn by an
object that fill'd their hearts with de-
jection. In the remotest north, SIPHA
observ'd a star, rising new to his sight
and moving towards the sun. In the

dim evening, its disk seem'd to equal
that of the moon, and dreadfully en-
larging, soon resembled an ample shield.
It had a watery gleam ting'd with a yel-
low red, its faint light appearing like
that of the celestial rebel, when sherd
of his radiant beams, he fell from Hea-
ven. Below it wav'd a lucent train,
whose growing extent spread through
a large part of the northern sky. The
sons of NOAH view'd it with anxious
solicitude, uncertain whence it came,
whether it was just form'd, or had long
been obscure thro' the wide expanse,
till now illum'd by the ALMIGHTY'S
touch. SIPHA conceal'd not his con-
jectures from the perplex'd youths, and
thus strove to remove their doubts, My
father, said he, saw this star, though
to my eyes, it was till now unknown.
Stars of this class I have oft beheld,
but of shorter revolutions; on these, as
on others, the OMNIPOTENT, on the
day of their creation, impress'd their

proper motions through the wide firmament, where, in eccentric courses, they wish incessant rapidity, where round worlds innumerable, each in a different path. Some are surrounded by a fiery mist, and others, like this, cast thro' the ignom of night a tremendous rain of fuliginous vapours, and turbid light. Perhaps this is the long appointed instrument of the Divine vengeance against the sinful world. **How amazing! how tremendous!** cry'd HAM. Was this star then to meet the earth, and other planets; the shock would be follow'd by total destruction, and night's sable and solitary reign, might again prevail, where now stars from east to west, round their immense course. But, O SINHA, is such a catastrophe the stroke of the SUPREME JUDGE, punishing the nations? or comes it with the hour, which brings the comet in its natural course near the earth.

whether the inhabitants be religious
or profane?

Oft, return'd SIPHA, the comets
approach beneficent, supplying exhaust-
ed suns with fresh fuel, and with inun-
dations, the thirsty planets. Other-
wise suns extinguish'd, might revolve
through the regions of ancient night,
and the planets exhausted of their humi-
dity, by their internal fires, might soon
be consum'd, while the myriads on
their surface, with heart-piercing dread
and anguish, might behold every moun-
tain turn'd to a volcano, and instead
of water, ejecting streams of liquid
fire. It is certain that the heavens
themselves shall pass away; but they
shall reach the term assign'd them by
their wise CREATOR at their first forma-
tion. God is alone above all change,
and by no circle circumscrib'd. But
when time brings the comet, it is, per-
haps, at the instant appointed by the

great Omnipotent, when with proportion'd impulse, he threw each ball from his hand, and bad it run its course, till the time when he foresaw the sins of the people would call for vengeance. He who has plac'd the stars On the firmament, and peopled them with corporeal and spiritual beings, knows the whole tenor of their existence; and is surpris'd by an unexpected event, and not compulsive exigence, to change his purpose, and make him deviate from his wise designs; every blood-guiltiness has its due punishment, and every sin its just reward.

Of what can we determine of God? arides now, when the most towering flight towards the knowledge of his excellencies, only betrays our comparative littleness? When we venture to raise our thoughts to the heavens, thro' what infinite works of unsearchable wisdom and power does the eye of contemplation range, subliming the soul

with encreasing light? Beyond the sun
 move other suns; beyond the world
 other worlds, to us invisible, or dimly
 seen, yet all fill'd with the presence of
 one Creation, unlimited by time or
 place. In each, inhabitants, and my-
 riads of living creatures. What then
 is the earth? What then the human
 race? What is one man?
 Now is every one lost and sunk into
 nothing? So minute am I, that God is
 alone less me, from His being God? I
 can only see the transient impressions
 of His infinitude in this earthly dust, and so
 humble myself before Him, who with eyes
 equally fedate, sees atoms, or globes,
 vanish, and the burst of a bubble of a
 world. Who from infinite remote-
 ness observes me; who is high me,
 nigh the ark, in which shielded from
 the overwhelming deluge, I shall from
 thence be landed in a country provided
 with every blessing.

But now other thoughts
 Their gentle minds. They had learn'd

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SHEM having thus spoke, walk'd up to the middle part of the mountain; for NOAH had enjoind him, that when the comet on its nearer approach, should cover the full moon, and the women appear terrify'd at its dreadful aspect, he should pour the balm of comfort into their minds. He had also in charge to load the docile camels with the fruits and other productions of Paradise fit for food, in order to supply the ark. SHEM found his wife and sisters possess'd of the utmost tranquillity, and cutting down the harvest with compos'd alacrity; for they had view'd the comet, as lately appointed to revolve round the earth, like the moon its companion, and thus dispense a clear nocturnal light, deriv'd from the solar orb, that the night might be alternately illumin'd by their beams.

But now other solitudes agitate their gentle minds. They had learnt

from MISCAN, the angel's declaration to NOAH, that the deluge would be preceded by a visit from the angel of death; and her ardent wishest to be the happy person, who, by the favour of the ETERNALLY, should first rise above the skies, and become an inhabitant of Heaven. She triumphed in the thought, and from her joyful endeavour'd to give them consolations; then kiss'd them, while distress'd by the noble conflict, they burst into a flood of tears. All stood for a few moments silent, till DEBORAH, wiping her bewetted cheeks, said, Surely it is not a crime that our hearts and eyes, O MISCAN, overflow at the sad news of thy soon ceasing, to enlighten our path, which depriv'd of thy light, will be all darkness and perplexity. Is weak nature forbid to swell into tears, and do they disgrace our minds? indeed, the expectation of a superior life, in the celestial fields, teaches us to esteem death,

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the gates of felicity, and to suffer
 alive in lands, or on the ground. Alas!
 it must be so, and that our life is more
 more than the triumph of death, trodden
 by the human form, while death is the
 more glorious triumph of the immor-
 tal spirit. If it has terrors, they pro-
 ceed from a sickly life, for no pleasure
 has of late, which death does not im-
 prove, and redouble pleasure, which death
 does not equal. As the dearest mother,
 natural and blanket, are our tears,
 at thinking, that the most tender af-
 fection, and the soft voice of consol-
 ation, is now failing us, and will be
 hereafter heard, when far from this
 Paradise, we shall be confin'd in our
 wooden abode, in a wide sea, amidst
 the rolling waves, and roaring winds.
 But the ALMIGHTY Lord of Heaven
 and Earth, who knows the time of
 our death, and to whom is due the
 lowest homage and grateful submission,
 preserve us from repining at His will
 and irreversible decrees!

With faltering speech THAMAR
 rejoin'd, In this freight, the best we
 can do, is in the most endearing courtly
 and acts of affection, to employ
 the few days perhaps only hours re-
 maining, for us to view thy gladdening
 face. We will carefully employ them
 in taking leave of thee, and crown the
 short space with all the obsequious
 love an human heart can feel. KA-
 RENNAPUCH spoke not a word, but with
 eyes suffus'd in tears, silent hung a-
 bout her mother's neck: sheal and 1901
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 MILCAN again tenderly embracing
 them, answer'd, O my dear daughters I
 were you not created to leave me,
 and I to leave you? this the order of
 nature has enjoin'd! I know you love
 me,—we will love each other when
 separated by the grave; for should we
 cease to love, we must cease to be.
 Thus they alleviated the anguish of
 their suppos'd separation.

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SHAM found the works recom-
mended to them completed; for they
had stor'd in SIRA's dwellings all
kinds of grain and fruit, produced on
bush, stem and tree. Abundant opu-
lence! Yet their place mis'd them
not; for there every season was an
exuberant Autumn: each falling year
was soon succeeded by another; the
apple replac'd the apple, and budding
figs protruded the mature. Hitherto
it had been a doubt with them, whe-
ther the seeds of each kind of inferior
plants, were not to be sav'd, as both
the stem and root would fall a prey to
the devouring flood: lest the land
wanting its vernal robe, should lie in
sterile nakedness; but SHAM this need-
less solicitude remov'd.

Now came on Night, and above the
horizon appear'd the comet in magni-
tude equal to the moon: Its pale light
was interspers'd with black spots, and

its tail extended to the northern constellations; yet were the women's minds free from terror.

I cannot but wonder, said SHEM, at the courage with which you view this blazing star, whose terrific appearance, rather seems to give you pleasure than pain.

Should we not, said THAMAR, with grateful joy behold this new gift of Heaven, sent for the ornament and comfort of our earth, enlivening its nights by adding its light to that of the moon. It is certainly by the direction of the Most High, that the lesser planet has thus approach'd the earth, by which it is now attracted, and thus accompanies its course.

SHEM still more astonish'd, gravely answer'd, How can you, my dear sisters, imagine, that this planet is of so little

force as to be so easily attracted by our earth? Its magnitude, though so distant, declares its power, and that it may drag the earth fix'd to its fiery wheels through its immense track. It is indeed come with dire intent, yet without power to hurt the family of our righteous father. The great CREATOR, who form'd and rules the heavenly bodies, has graciously condescended to assure us, that though all the kindreds of the earth shall be swallow'd up in destruction, yet will he spare us, and the strong structure, the model of which was brought us by his holy angels, is now nearly finish'd, to receive, with us, those animals the Most High has determin'd to save from the overwhelming deluge. Possibly in this strange star, this flood is plac'd, and at its due approximation to the earth, its waters will be pour'd on hill and plain. Let us therefore haste, and house our provisions, lest the day of wrath surprize

up provided. In the mean time, remaining with you, will load the grain and fruit, so diligently gathered on the vigorous camels, which will, of themselves, expeditionly carry their burthens to the usual places.

These words involv'd the sisters in sudden anxiety, and, now, with trembling limbs, they rais'd their eyes to the menacing comet; yet is every fear soon dispell'd by the heart-reviving thought, that all the starry host are but ministers of the Most High; and whether moving or still, obey the breath of his mouth. Possess'd of this devout source of strongest consolation, little difficulty had Susan to calm and fortify their exalted minds.

Daily were the laborious beasts dispatch'd, and on their being unloaded, voluntarily hasted up the mount, kneeling to receive fresh burthens. In the

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mean while, the ark was finish'd, when, to prevent the entrance of the waters, the beams were cover'd with resin, issuing from the antediluvian. Windows at equal distances, along its ample sides, admitted the air and light, over which the provident NOAH, fastened the skins of the shaggy lion and spotted tyger, to be roll'd up, when the sun shone serene, and in tempestuous weather, let down. In the rooms blaz'd asphaltus and naphtha in lustre of embo's'd gold, making a sight cheerful. Already had the treasures, which SEMRA had brought into the mount, been convey'd into the ark, lest the remembrance of such works should be lost; works of splendor, convenience and use in gold, silver, and ivory, the inventions of early genius and skill, together with the instruments used by the several artists. Now they began to convey the provisions laid in readiness on the side of the mountain, fruit which in the ear and branch, were ripen'd by the sun.

In the mean time SIPHA was enjoying repose, shelter'd from the heat of sultry noon, when a celestial messenger appear'd before him, and with melodious voice thus spake: SIPHA arise and ascend to the middle of the mountain. There retire to thy house, where MAHREABRA and thee pass'd many years of harmony and love. Embrace and bless thy children; for there the angel of death waits with gentle hand to close thy life, and smoothe thy passage from this earth to the mansions of bliss, where thy happy ancestors enjoy the rewards of their piety and inflexible virtue. Go, lest the deluge cut thee off with the workers of iniquity; for in the archives of Heaven it is written, that thou art not to enter the ark with thy brother. The office appointed thee, by thy CREATOR and FRIEND, is discharg'd, and the time of thy dismissal from earth is at hand.

STEPHEN fill'd with sudden joy, hastily
 answer'd, Welcome celestial messenger,
 who bring'st me the fruit of my earnest
 petitions. Gladly I haste to lay my
 self down in the arms of death, that
 my enraptur'd soul may be convey'd
 to the celestial regions, and be intro-
 duc'd to the eternal life of the beatify'd
 spirits, in the presence of my Maker,
 where I shall love and serve him better.
 Swiftly he arose to communicate the
 glad tidings to Noah, whom he thus
 address'd, O my friend, G O D has
 heard my secret prayers, that I might
 be taken from the earth before thee.
 Forgive a proceeding dictated by self
 love; for much more eligible is it to
 be remov'd by death to the mansions of
 perpetual rest, where no comets blaze,
 no destructive tempests rage, than to
 see the wreck of nature, and hear the
 outcries of an expiring world. Death
 puts an end to the woes, and not to
 the real joys of life; for the source and
 means of true felicity, are far above all.

change. Thee, my dear friend, I leave
 in a tumultuous sea encompass'd by
 arduous affairs, and involv'd in momen-
 tuous solicitude: thine eyes over-
 flowing with compassion on account
 of the dreadful extinction of thy kin-
 dred race; in care for the preservation of
 thy family, and of the numerous num-
 bers, which in thine ark, are to be car-
 ry'd over the raging deep. But amidst
 these distresses, thou hast the reviving
 converse of thy dear MILCAH, whose
 amiable manners spread tranquility on
 thy wrinkled brow, and bear up thy
 labouring heart. To her tender care,
 I recommend my daughters, as the mo-
 thers of future mothers. She will be
 present at their delivery, and her sym-
 pathizing tenderness, will alleviate the
 pains of child-birth.

Now briefly answer'd, Go my hap-
 py friend to the angel of death, thy de-
 liverer; who, commission'd by the
 Most High, takes off the shackles of

this earthly prison; who puts a finishing hand to the pursuits of man; seals up their cares, and distress; their virtue, and their hope. Adieu, I will not detain thee. Confiding in my God, I shed no pusillanimous tears; nor do I envy thee, that thou art entering the safe harbour, while I am left to grapple with a most tremendous storm. But though, with dry eyes, I see thee going, my mind is not without a full sense of my inexpressible loss. Thou soon wilt be with my father, and O tell him, tell the happy Lamech the wonderful kindness of the Lord, to our children, whom amidst an universal flood, he is conducting to new settlements, that mankind may still subsist, and the earth abound with nations, who shall gratefully offer up their solemn praises to the CREATOR; and that from me shall descend the seed of the woman, that shall bruise the head of the serpent. Go, and with our bless'd fathers, celebrate the festivals of

Heaven, and drink the cup of joy.
 Soon shall I taste the extatic pleasure of
 reforming thee, and we shall embrace,
 without feeling the bitterness of any fu-
 ture separation.

Here NOAH, with composed affection,
 folded SIRAH in his arms, who let fall
 a few tears, and then turning to HAN-
 and JAPHETH, embrac'd them; after
 which, laying his hands on their heads,
 he thus invoc'd the FOUNTAIN of
 ALL Good, The GOD, before whom
 my fathers walk'd — the GOD of ME-
 CHUSELAH, ENOCH and SETH — the
 GOD, who with paternal tenderness,
 has cherish'd my life, which has pass'd
 away as on eagle's wings — and whose
 messenger deliver'd me from the cruel
 hands of ABIRAM, bless you both.
 May the LORD grant you children,
 righteous as ABEL and SETH, the pa-
 triarchs and founders of numerous na-
 tions, throughout all the regions of
 the peopled earth.

HAM and JAPHETH, melted into tears, while kneeling, they receiv'd this benediction; but rose with mingled grief and joy. Then SIPHA, with slow step, mov'd forward, often looking back to enjoy the pleasure of meeting once more—the eyes of his dejected friend, which follow'd him 'till he pass'd the intercepting rock.

SIPHA's unexpected presence, gladden'd the hearts of his daughters, who were drying raisins in the spacious court. With fond alacrity, they ran to him, and conducted him into the house; but Oh! what a stroke was it to their tender hearts, when, in the softest and most gentle terms, he told them, that he was come up thither, to give them his last blessing, and then to lie down and die! They now mourn'd for their father, with a grief equal to that they had felt for the suppos'd death of MILCAH.

SIPHA, to alleviate their affliction, added with a serene aspect, let me remind you, that this body alone will die, and lie in the grave. But my soul, its inhabitant, the principal part of me, will survive; and while that is mingled with the dust, this will enjoy a more exalted life than when confin'd in the house of clay: to you, indeed, invisible, but seen by the beatify'd spirits, seen by MEHITABEL, who will wait my coming, to encircle my temples with a chaplet of ever-blooming amaranth, gather'd from the brink of the fountain of life! Can you, my children, lament my removal to celestial joys? No, you surely cannot. Turn then your eyes to your husbands, and on them fix your pure affections; for in them you have father, mother, and every dear relation.

Then turning to SHEM, When I am dead, said he, do thou my son, inter this inanimate clay, close by the altar

of my reconcil'd Iudex; for this is
my native soil, and to it I would return.
Now, making a sign to the dejected
youth, he drew nearer, and SIPHA
laying his hand on his head, added
Receive the blessing I have reserv'd for
thee. Thy descendants O SHEM will
be more numerous than the stars which
glitter in the spacious arch of Heaven.
Among them shall be one branch, su-
pereminent, chosen by the Most High,
who will send propbets, and appoint
priests, to teach them his precepts, and
at length will send the REDEEMER to
fulfil all righteousness, in whom the
nations of the earth shall be blest'd.
The news that SIPHA, and not she
was to die, struck MILCAH with the
deepest sorrow. She was like the
mariners, who in a shatter'd ship, are
disappointed in their hopes of reaching
a secure harbour. Alas, said she, how
did I deceive myself, with preci-
pitate imaginations! already had I

reach'd the resplendent confines of
Heaven, the Earth was vanishing
from my sight, and now behold, an
unexpected notice suddenly pulls me
down to the depressing cares of an
earthly life.

No herald of death yet appear'd:
SEPHA had none of those warning mes-
sengers that wring the nerves, those
tender strings of life, with torturing
anguish: still active and strong he
share'd with his daughters, all the la-
bours of the harvest. Thus three
mornings past, and each morn his
daughters receiv'd him as restor'd to
them. Yet soon, perhaps that very
hour, to be taken from them. With
fondest attendance, they strove to
gladden the fleeting moments, studious
to brighten his setting day.

THE END OF THE SEVENTH BOOK.

THE ARGUMENT.

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and then dies to denounce the judg-
ment of Heaven. THE
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EIGHTH BOOK

Kewah's first leave their native
sheds with reluctance, and return to
Noah's dwelling. They enter the
ark, and Noah is following a golden
funerary brought from Heaven, his
sons are surprised by the sound, and
the animals enter the ark. Noah's
reflections on the wisdom of the great

NOAH

employment of his sons and daughters.
Alas! how the deluge begins in the
other hemisphere and other animals.
deluge of a tempest and prodig-
ious, with the terror and destruction
of the inhabitants.

THE AUGUMENT.

SIPHA dies, and is interr'd. RAPHAEL gives NOAH fresh instructions, and then flies to denounce the judgment of Heaven on the inhabitants of the earth, who still continue obdurate. NOAH spends five days with his family in solemn orisons and devout sacrifices. The women, and more particularly KERENHAPUCH leave their native abode with reluctance, and return to NOAH's dwelling. They enter the ark, and INVAH blowing a golden trumpet brought from Heaven, his sons are enraptured by the sound, and the animals enter the ark. JAPHETHA'S reflections on the wisdom of the great CREATOR. NOAH assigns the different employments of his sons and daughters. Meanwhile the deluge begins in the other hemisphere of the earth. A description of its approach and progress there; with the terrors and destruction of the inhabitants.

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ark and Noah's golden
trumpet brought from Heaven, his
sons are captured by the sound, and

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the fourth sun had with its
earliest beams break'd the clouds
with crimson, SIPHA went up to the
grove where the SOVEREIGN JUDGE
pass'd sentence on the first offen-
ders, and there, on the altar he
himself had rais'd, offer'd the grateful
incense of a sincere and resign'd heart.
Silent he meditates on the promise of

the MOST HIGH, that the seed of the woman should bruise the head of the serpent, and while considering the fortitude and power of the mighty Victor, embraces him in idea, with impassion'd arms. Meanwhile the angel of death, lurking in ambush, sees him collected in himself, and absorb'd in extatic rapture; when taking one of his least painful darts, dip'd in balm that instantly heals the wound it gives, pierces him through the heart. The soul's connection with the body, being thus dissolv'd, the disburthen'd spirit with extatic rapture wings its flight to the bless'd realms of endless peace and joy.

SHEM, soon after, passing by the altar, and bowing with reverential awe, sees the patriarch leaning on it, with his head resting on his folded arms; struck with surprize, he approaches nearer; perceives him bereft of life,

and passionately kisses his chilly lips
and lifeless hand, then melancholy and
slow returns with the unwelcome news.
Finding MILCAH in the court with
DEBORAH and THAMAR, he cry'd
SIPHA, who is no longer an inhabitant
of the earth, will no more join with us
in adoring the Lord. He now mingles
his adorations with those of ENOCH and
LAMECH. The angel of death found
him at the altar: there I have seen him,
and in a transport of grief and love,
have beheld his earthly frame deserted
by his celestial spirit.

The daughters with mournful voice,
and streaming eyes, cry'd, A long adieu
to thee, thou best of parents; thy hap-
piness will be now complete! Then
casting their looks towards heaven, in
the intenseness of their grief, thought
they perceiv'd the progress of his soul,
by a train of light: while MILCAH,
in silence ponder'd on the glorious state

to which God had exalted SIFA, and
 MAMMAH, his gratulations, his
 meeting him at his arrival at the land
 of real life. Our vessel to preserve
 the noblest testimony is the glory of his
 name. Meanwhile, KENNAH, his son, lay in
 the soft bands of sleep, in her narrow
 mansion, pure and beautiful, as one of
 immortal lineage. To her came her two
 sisters, who finding her in sweet
 repose, forbore to awake her with the
 mournful tale. But soon she opens her
 eyes; and knows the meaning of their
 sighs, and languid features, ere they
 speak. Tho' before informed she would
 soon feel this heavy loss, her tender heart
 was no less oppressed, than if the mourn-
 ful news had, without warning, come
 abrupt.

Now all pay their last duties to his
 inanimate clay, and odours rise from the
 altar to the skies. They spend the day
 in lamenting over him, and with admi-
 ration recount, with intermingled sighs,

his splendid virtues. All that remains of him on earth, said SHEM, we ought carefully to preserve. Our most honourable patrimony is the glory of his divine life, and his virtues, with which we should enrich ourselves. Oh let us record his wisdom on the tables of our hearts! let us incline our ears to his dictates; for though silent, he still speaks to us—still while in the realms of endless bliss he speaks; and with animating voice exhorts us to follow him to the bright world, where we shall again embrace, and share his joys!

Before the declining sun had call'd up the still evening, SHAM dug a grave, in which his sisters having sprinkled myrrh and cinnamon, they plac'd in it the corpse, dress'd in the cloaths he wore, and over it strew'd the rose, the violet, and jessamine, with other flowers of sweetest fragrance.

Rest, forsaken body, cry'd DEMORAH,
 soft be thy repose, in the recluse bosom
 of this cool earth, through the night of
 ages, 'till the creative voice shall call
 thee too, up to the fields of celestial
 light.

These rites being finish'd, they, en-
 lightened by the comet's pale gleam, si-
 lent and slow, return'd to their abode,
 where NOAH, JAPHETH and HAM, dur-
 ing their absence, had arriv'd, and ex-
 pected the women, their sweetest conso-
 lation in distress.

RAPHAEL had that day brought fresh
 instructions to the patriarch: NOAH
 said he, the day of wrath is at hand.
 Already has the Lord issu'd orders to
 the guardian angels of the revolving
 spheres, to guide with double diligence,
 the heavenly bodies, during the comet's
 approach to this terraqueous globe,
 when it will pour forth an overwhelm-

ing being. This was the view of the
Most High, in sending it forth against
the earth, which will enjoy only six days
of cheerful light. On the seventh, the
floods will run impetuous from the
depths of the ocean, and the immense
tail of the comet. Then shall all the
creatures, which breathe the air, and
walk on the land, be destroyed, except
thy family, and the animals that shall
dwell with thee in the ark. Receive
this golden trumpet, which I have
brought from the arsenal of heaven.
When thou blowest it, the winged
fowl, four-footed beasts, reptiles, and
insects, shall repair to thee; place
themselves in their several receptacles,
live with thee in amicable quiet, and
obey thy voice. I am also commision'd
to denounce a last monitory woe on the
profligate world. Hold thyself in readi-
ness, that on the seventh day the in-
vading flood may see thee shelter'd in
the divine vessel. I shall close the door

of the ark, and preserve it amidst the rising waves. Be expeditious, already has the angel of death conducted thy happy friend to the glorify'd saints of God, where his joys exceed thy utmost stretch of thought.

Thus spake the angel, and with rapid wing, soar'd high over countries and states. The stroke of his wings resembled thunder, and the undulations of his voice reach'd the most distant lands, while thus he cry'd, God is seated on his judgment seat, and already is the sentence gone forth, Repent, repent, and turn unto the Lord, for after six days comes the day of his wrath, and all that live upon the earth shall be destroy'd. Woe to them on whom shall fall the indignation of the OMNIPOTENT.

NOAH heard the thunder reverberate from Paradise, and adoring the Most

High, who holds the balance of ju-
 tice, went with Ham and Shem
 to assemble those who were in
 mount, by the glory of his friend
 God, where his joys exceed the utmost

As plenty of provisions more than
 would suffice man and beast, for one
 entire year, had been stor'd in the ark,
 the remaining days, they sanctify'd to
 the Lord, by solemn orisons and devout
 sacrifices. Every evening and morn
 Noah offering, at the altar of propitia-
 tion. While standing on the eminence,
 which had been rais'd over SHAM's
 grave, His affection to him burst forth
 in a description of praise to the God
 of all grace, who had taken him
 to himself. Each returning morn the
 women strew'd over it flowers of beau-
 tiful stot, and pleasing fragrance, while
 the men pour'd on it the wine of the
 spreading palm. NOAH then addressing
 them, said, O my sons, since we are
 depriv'd of this excellent much lov'd

man, walk, I conjure you, in his ways,
and Oh! ever speak and act like Sir PAUL.
With her a vale that contains a vision

Five delightful days of devotion and
tranquillity, being elaps'd on the fifth
they took their leave of the lovely
groves and flowers, that were no lon-
ger to diffuse their fragrance over the
blooming fields of Paradise, the native
spot of Sir PAUL's lovely offspring. How
their tender hearts beat at their being
oblig'd forever to forsake their vernal
residence! With earnest looks, their
eyes hung on the lovely landscape.
As a man who is shipwreck'd, and cast
on a rock, embraces it with his arms,
and holds it fast, though his hands,
knees and feet are defil'd and bleed,
with the sand and piercing stones, till
the receding waves, with superior force
wash away his eager grasp, so their
eyes cleav'd to their espaliers and fra-
grant groves: their looks were fix'd
on these not without the falling tear.

till the superior power of Providence, forc'd them off. KERENHAPUCH took with her a vase that contain'd a favourite carnation, on which she had wantonly bestow'd her labour, though nature had left her nothing to improve. At her request, NOAH permitted her to preserve in the ark, the only flower that bloom'd and smil'd during the deluge—the only flower sav'd for the following earth. DEBORAH brought under her arm, a roll of the leaves of the smooth papyrus, and wanted no permission, to deposit it in the ark. It contain'd the hymns of EMMY, the most ancient of the poets, by the devout patriarchs call'd the divine. He, taught by a celestial spirit, sang in inimitable strains the mysteries of heavenly wisdom. Though these inestimable writings, were by DEBORAH's pious care, sav'd from the flood, to us they are lost. Long were they, by SHEM and DEBORAH's offspring, held in due reverence,

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in a state of degeneracy, of morals pre-
 vailing, a taste for all that is exalted
 and sublime, was banish'd. Even the
 arts, the fruit of early genius, improv'd
 by long protracted youth, and a length-
 en'd life, of great extent, were with the
 inventors committed to oblivion. Ma-
 ny ages later, in our evening of the
 earth, illumin'd genius, under purest
 influences, retriev'd some. Of many,
 man with proud exultation, boasts of
 being the first inventor, and contemp-
 tuously looks down on the youth of the
 earth, though they had ages of experi-
 ments, and on their heads shone the
 sun's brightest rays. In that universal
 profligacy, the sublime psalms of the
 poets, were also bury'd in the dust of
 forgetfulness, yet were they remem-
 ber'd by the angels, and even in Hra-
 ven, are they sung by choirs of en-
 raptur'd spirits.

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When the filias had protended about
 a hundred paces from SYRAX's garden;
 KAREWATON, glimped by her transient
 desire to take one view more of the en-
 chanting spot, sat down her vacation,
 and flew back. With painful delight
 she survey'd the green carpet, wrought
 by Nature's fingers, with flowers of the
 brightest colours; and the long fre-
 quented avenues, leading through the
 ever-renew'd groves. In fix'd attention
 this flood of bliss could not her gushing
 tears; then casting a last look on the
 favourite objects, resum'd with the
 swiftness with which she came. Thus
 flew ANEMONE to the coffin of her
 dearest friend; and thus with fix'd eyes,
 view'd the lovely corpse of her CLA-
 RISSA, early snatch'd from life. Aloud
 ANEMONE wept, with uplifted hands,
 and quiver'd with both embrac'd the
 sleeping angels head; kiss'd her eyes;
 kiss'd her faded cheek; then crying, A

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solemn and everlasting farewell to this
 pride of virgins, for seek with swift
 foot, the pale and lifeless corpse.
 KERENIAHUSH, now less depress'd,
 walk'd with her spouse, who leading
 her by the hand, clos'd the procession:
 Yet new but innocent longings softly
 insinuated themselves into her heart,
 which he gently dispe's'd. But soon
 a more eager desire seiz'd the juvenile
 mind of the woman, who now long'd
 to see the ark, and all its various orna-
 ments, particularly the divine paint-
 ings in the beauteous hall, and this
 desire soon increas'd by his discourse.
 They no sooner reach'd the ark, than
 they stood astonish'd at its bulk and
 strength, and their amazement en-
 creas'd, on observing the convenient
 disposition of the several rooms, with
 the immense stores of fruit, which them-
 selves had gather'd.

Now the seventh morn. after in the heavens, the day preceding that of the general destruction. Early Noah went forth, and as soon as the sun began to tinge the eastern clouds with crimson, threw a purple mantle, his morning incense on the altar he himself had built, in the grove of palm, where he had heard the fatal sentence. He then summoned his family to repair to the social chamber in the ark: On which they quit the cooling baths in their old mansion; now, for the last time used. The patriarch himself stood at the foot of a broad bridge, that extended from the earth to the lower deck, holding in his hand, the golden trumpet, brought from Heaven, and at three intervals, blew three long and solemn blasts.

At hearing the golden clangor, Noah's wife and children, felt their souls rise on the swelling sound, wing'd with

holy flames, divine conceptions, and
 illuminations. As the flames in
 the sky with heavenly glory, and
 inflames the world with enkindling
 admiration, imagination, noble ideas,
 and sensations unfit before or by the
 officials, and do break it into their
 heads, fill the heart with heavenly rap-
 tures, and brave the passions, and
 the passions, and the passions, and the passions,
 (not wild and fantastic, the passions,
 while they held the line of reason, and
 telling the mighty JUPITER; and graci-
 ous, and who in his infant puts
 a period to the triumph of the wicked,
 and which from the triumph
 he himself makes a net for his own
 feet, and a trap is laid in all his paths.
 He shall be hunted by fire, and ruin
 wait for him on every side. Water
 conceals in the bowels of the earth,
 shall spring up and overflow him. Un-
 der the high and high shall be
 down, and again shall the depths
 be covered with the ark with rapid wings.

as in their native air, and proper soil,
 each tribe of every clime, spontaneous
 went to their destined receptacles. The
 unwieldy elephant, the rhinoceros, the
 dromedary, and stately camel, with
 all of large and heavy bulk, repair'd to
 their recesses, in the lower den. The
 tame of smaller size distributed them-
 selves in pens, in the middle, near the
 inspection of man, their friends, while
 the more light and agile, sought the
 highest parts. All silent and still, the
 fierce and sanguinary, and the
 weak and gentle; for those at natural
 enmity were now reconcil'd. Before
 the first human pair, had forfeited their
 abode in Paradise, no voracious ani-
 mals were ever known to invade the
 peace of that delightful spot; but the
 unhappy fall of man, kindled among
 them furious wars, even in the tran-
 quil groves of Eden, yet there they
 glatted not themselves with the flesh of
 the slain, and to man were always

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Harmless. Now in the ark contain'd,
 their awe and obedience, resembled
 that paid to ADAM before his dreadful
 fall. All that at the sounding trump-
 ets summoning blast had resorted to
 the ark, whether on foot or wing,
 came from the mount, and thence from
 the neighbouring plains.

When all the animals had entered
 the spacious building, Noah, stat-
 ing last, push'd off the bridge, and the
 watchful angel clos'd the door,
 which he fix'd the seat of Heaven,
 JARAH with astonish'd wonder, had
 view'd the multitudes of animals, their
 various forms, and size, proportions;
 and seeing with amazement each tribe
 voluntary repair to its proper depart-
 ment, kindred with kindred, thus gave
 vent to his astonishment. With what
 words shall I express the admiration
 that fills my mind, at the view of the

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DIVINE skill, that appears in the variety and symmetry visible in all the CREATOR's works. When I consider the hand which form'd this assemblage of beauty, the regularity which reigns through such diversity, all as if form'd by compass, rule, or sphere, a perfect chain of correspondent links! Still more when I consider the close gradations of the successive differences and resemblances of such multitudes of creatures, all diverse, and yet what imperceptible shades they approach and are connected, class with class, and tribe with tribe. I am lost in wonder and surprise! What an admirable and amazing scene of creatures of various form! In how many shapes does beauty appear, and how in some, does it vanish and give way to what seems deformity; and almost lifeless matter! What a difference is there between the horse and the adder, between this last and the gilded fly, yet

each is perhaps a link necessary to complete the chain of being! But still higher rises my ideas of the Divine Will, and higher my amazement, when I reflect, how the well form'd limbs of some express mingled life, strength, vigour, swiftness, sensation, and spirit! How the peacock with pride expands his lovely tail! How, alarm'd by sounds the horse listens in every limb! How different the inclinations of every kind! What various members and organs for their use, and the emanations of every faculty! How completely perfect are all the works of the Most High! no improving hand, can render the least more complete! The whole animal creation being now shut up in the ark with me, under my father's direction, what enjoyment will they afford me! Never shall I here chide the day as passing with too slow a pace; for while the destructive flood rages all around, my busy soul, with ever new delight, will at leisure survey the various king-

doms of animal life, and all the regions of animated matter. Who thus surveys the works of creation, converses with the great CREATOR, and rising in knowledge, becomes acquainted with the DIVINE ideas.

NOAH now assigns the respective employments of his sons and daughters, at stated hours to give the food and water necessary to the support of the animals selected for preservation, and committed to their care. By the careful improvement of time, they obtain many hours for meditative retirement, social meetings, and sweet converse, in the divinely painted room.

The sun now declin'd, diffusing a mild light through the apartments in the ark. The day had pass'd agreeably, in all things like the former: Yet that very day, the chastening hand of heaven, had smote the zones, which on

the other side the earth, and this morning globe, for then the comet first cross'd its tracks, and one hemisphere was forc'd to pass the comet's nebulous sweep. Wonders were then seen in the heavens and on the earth. The people look'd in vain towards the east, for the approaching light, solicitous about its delay; but instead of light, along the eastern sky, hung a dable cloud, whose thick mantle obstructed the solar rays. Under it lay the earth and sea involv'd in the folds of night. At length the blaze of the comet, broke through the alarming gloom; but itself more terrible than the blackest darkness. Thick set with volcanos, its hideous body, rugged and unequal, pour'd forth sulphureous vapours on the trembling inhabitants of the astonish'd earth. In the west, appear'd the moon with its whole disk, cover'd with adventitious light, which instead of cheering the inhabitants, only heighten'd the terrors of the dreadful scene.

Terrific forms, bright and by mingled
 fire, flash, darting through dense air,
 seemed to represent embattled hosts,
 burning mountains; and plains haun-
 ted by spectres; while the birds and
 beasts, with hideous cries, signify
 the approach of death. At length the
 sea was seen to recede from his extend-
 ed shores, and collected into a reach-
 ing height, while beneath and over it
 exhibited depths profound, beyond the
 reach of sight. Then shook the moun-
 tainous earth, as in a mighty hour,
 when Eve stretch'd forth her hand to
 pluck and eat the fruit. The earth
 then felt the deadly wound, and thro'
 every part gave sign that all was lost.
 Mountains were now the shreds from
 the opposite attractions of the comet
 and the earth; but the latter to its de-
 struction prevail'd; and huge masses
 with extensive promontories torn from
 the comet, fell through the terrestrial
 atmosphere into the sea, forming islands

and lofty mountains. A sky so dread-
ful, never known, began in after times,
hung over this earthly ball; till at the
last great day, when flaming fire shall
consume the globe, and all nature be
destroyed.

Already the mountainous seas, wear-
ry of rising towards the comet, precipi-
tate themselves into their bed, and
overflow the shores. From the caver-
nous earth, is heard a hollow murmur,
moving in progression dolorous, like
the voice of despair. Horrid were the
howlings and cries of the beasts and
fowls of all kinds, wild and tame,
which with mingling voices, send forth
one common cry to Heaven. Men,
encompass'd by the day of wrath, stand
aghast, seeing death in the impending
clouds, in the agitated ground, in the
raging sea. Silent they look up to
Heaven, silent turn their eyes to the
earth. The short silence, caus'd by

fear is soon broke, by dismal cries
 and despairing supplications. In the
 cities, crowds pressing on crowds, rush
 from street to street, hunted by sorrow,
 and pressing through the gates, seek for
 safety from the rocks and mountains.
 The earth now trembles as in agony,
 and the hills rock from side to side. A
 dreadful shock succeeds, and from the
 deepest foundations, temples, towers,
 and palaces, sink into ruins: and in
 the devastation are lost thousands of
 thousand lives.
 Suddenly a flash, broad as a flood,
 darts through the dreadful gloom, felt
 low'd by the rolling thunder, with re-
 percussive roar, so dreadful, that man
 astonish'd, seems struck with sepul-
 chral silence. The water vessels of the
 heavens now burst, and pour down
 torrents of rain, even pouring and ever
 fall. The people, whom the re-
 velling earth had spared, are now re-
 ceiving vengeance, now, as heaven's
 father of all his offspring, was no re-

carried away by the current. Some
 are cast on rocky for'd hills, which
 they climb, trembling, and pale, as
 if rising from the dead: and others
 to gain a short respite from death,
 and breathe for a few moments, a
 life encompass'd with horrors, cling
 to the trees still standing, though the
 waters undermine their roots. But
 with gigantic pace the flood overtakes
 them, nor ceases till as a garment
 it covers the land from pole to pole.
 A most b'vomer stow you'd denounce
 - Ah! how was the siner surpris'd
 in this guilt! T'was he, who wan-
 tonly scatter'd the arrows of death
 in Chus, had order'd his generous
 sons, to be nail'd to a
 cross, before their fathers' faces: but
 when elated with the thought of
 beholding this cruel spectacle, ven-
 geance came, and him, and his
 of wick'd blood, both him and his
 intended victims. These had left their
 secret recesses when the angelic
 father of all his offspring, was no re-

species of passions; that die delight in
 mercy; and is not propitiated by the
 blood of those, who being created fal-
 sible, fall into error. And so, amidst
 the foaming surge, implor'd the help
 of the God, whom he had aveng'd:
 But his fate was the fate of Tybon:
 He had harden'd his heart against the
 sweet and gentle voice of humanity,
 and was carry'd to the regions where
 mercy is unknown.

The land every where mourn'd; and
 the waters were cover'd with the dead.
 The meads where spring so lately sat,
 dress'd in her gayest attire; where the
 flowers diffus'd their fragrance, and the
 birds their melody; silent droop'd, and
 all its beauty lay'd under the flood.
 Mean-while the comet disengag'd itself
 from the attraction of the earth; but
 not without the loss of its waters; and
 now pass'd its course, with dimi-
 nish'd atmosphere.

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THE ARGUMENT.

The approach of the deluge in that hemisphere where Paradise was plac'd, and the behaviour of the inhabitants of Thamisra. The opinions of the priests in relation to the comet. Oo who had succeeded Daaron in the office of high priest, causes a spacious vessel to be built, in which he returns with the giants from performing some idolatrous rites, when they hear the woe pronounced by the angel. The different effects it produces on the minds of the people. Oo advises the giants instantly to store the vessel with provisions, and save themselves from the approaching deluge. Its delay fills the people with wanton mirth. Its approach and progress described, with the behaviour of the people of Thamisra, and the destruction of Oo in the ship. The employments and reflections of Noan's family in the ark. the divine light over Noan, and how the raging waves found the quietest Thamisra. Her guilty inhabitants sent down from high over Noan, and how

THE APPROACH OF THE DELUGE
The approach of the deluge in that hemisphere where Paradise was placed, and the behaviour of the inhabitants of that region, is the subject of this book. The opinions of poets and philosophers on the subject of the deluge, and the manner in which it was effected, are also related. The story of Noah's Ark, and the preservation of his family and the animals, is the principal subject of this book. The manner in which the deluge was effected, and the manner in which the world was renewed, is also related. The story of the deluge is one of the most interesting and important in the history of the world. It is a story of the punishment of the wicked, and the preservation of the righteous. It is a story of the power of God, and the wisdom of his providence. It is a story of the mercy of God, and the forgiveness of his sins. It is a story of the hope of the righteous, and the fear of the wicked. It is a story of the triumph of good over evil, and the victory of truth over falsehood. It is a story of the redemption of the world, and the restoration of the universe. It is a story of the glory of God, and the praise of his name. It is a story of the love of God, and the devotion of his people. It is a story of the faith of the righteous, and the unbelief of the wicked. It is a story of the grace of God, and the sin of the world. It is a story of the mercy of God, and the forgiveness of his sins. It is a story of the hope of the righteous, and the fear of the wicked. It is a story of the triumph of good over evil, and the victory of truth over falsehood. It is a story of the redemption of the world, and the restoration of the universe. It is a story of the glory of God, and the praise of his name. It is a story of the love of God, and the devotion of his people. It is a story of the faith of the righteous, and the unbelief of the wicked. It is a story of the grace of God, and the sin of the world.

Heaven-plann'd vessel, rose on the waves, which destroy'd mankind, their splendid cities, and even the Paradise of God, once the seat of innocence.

Thamitta, the royal residence of the giants, had, since DAGON's fall, with unanimous voice rais'd OG to the hierarchal throne, and invested his anointed head, with a triple tiara. Daily smok'd the altar of Destiny, with human victims, that his god, altho' by the smell, might deign to return. Meanwhile NOAH's prediction did not fall to the ground; it had lodg'd in the hearts of the boastful giants, and ceas'd not to alarm them, while in the arms of voluptuousness and lawless pleasure. But terrors still more dreadful, invaded their minds, at seeing the comet with daily growth, advancing, and its waving tail, blazing through half the heavens. Their priests labour'd to dispel their fears, and sometimes represented it, as form'd by the ex-

halations of the earth and sea, drawn up by the solar beams to the higher regions of the air, where it remain'd suspended. They then represented it, as the fragments of a star in the milky way, join'd in one mass, but wanting a regular orbit, wander'd in erratic course, about the starry heavens. At last they affirm'd, it was a floating land, a celestial vehicle, containing ADRAAMELECH and his renown'd attendants, with auxiliary gods, coming in awful state, to their assistance, that if some angelic spirit, enemies to their power, should pour an ocean of water over the earth, they might take up their worshippers, and carry them away in triumph.

This absurd declaration, was accompany'd by new rites, to engage the patronage of the ruling spirits of the Perath and Hidekel, streams esteem'd divine. After the model of the stately ship, form'd by ADRAAMELECH, for invading

the mountain from the air, Oo caus'd
to be built, a vessel of monstrous size,
with many cabins, into which, he
himself went, robd in his priestly vest-
ments of shining white, attended by
the princes of the gigantic race, in re-
gal state. In this vessel, they sail'd to
the rapid freights, where the Perath
and Hidekel, mingled their waters.
The shores were cover'd with jo-
cund multitudes; every head was
crown'd with a chaplet of flowers, and
all had issu'd from the hundred gates of
Thamisa. Here, having cast anchor,
Oo sacrific'd an hecatomb of camels,
another of elephants, and a third of
lions, to the spirit of the rivers. These
rites being ended, he embrac'd an
image of the splendid Thamisa, of cast
gold, and of an enormous size, then
throwing it into the water, utter'd this
idle invocation:

Rise Berath and Hidkel, ye confident deities, arise from your crystal retreats, to receive Thamsta, your bride, who, enamour'd, lays herself down in your arms, protesting fidelity to you. She in her turn expects reciprocal truth. Cease not your endearments on your flowery shores.

When the image fell into the water, crowds of slaves plung'd into the translucent stream, and some of these, instructed by the high priest, assur'd, with solemn adulations, that they saw the river god, rise above the water to receive his bride.

On returning to the temple in his superb vessel, with all the insolence of priestly state, a voice of thunder denouncing woe, roll'd along the serene sky, and at once silenc'd their idolatrous joy; for at that instant the angel of death flew over the guilty domes of

Then, with increasing roar, pro-
 claiming his tremendous message. Now
 all trembled, struck with terror; the
 giants no less than the abject croud.
 Then were seen the different effects
 caus'd by the view of approaching
 death. Some of Seth's lineage, who
 had been infected with the contagion
 of prevailing vice and error, turn'd to
 the Lord: in sackcloth confess'd their
 transgressions; strew'd dust on their
 heads, and with impassion'd sighs of
 heart-felt contrition, implor'd forgive-
 ness. But lost among the herd of sin-
 ners, to God alone, were these peni-
 tents known. In vain the sages strove
 to frustrate the predicted flood, which
 rais'd such terrors, that they now trem-
 bled at what they had before ridicul'd
 as fabulous and impossible; while others
 drown'd in sensual excesses, suppress'd
 the fear of death. Their tables were
 loaded with delicious viands, wine
 sparkled in gold and crystal goblets;

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on flowery beds they slept incubated,
 lulled by the mingled melody of the
 voice, the harp and lute. Amidst their
 revelry they made a jest both of life
 and death, representing that as con-
 sisting of agreeable phantoms, the pro-
 ducement of the sportive brain, no sooner
 embraced than gone. But Oo was
 violently agitated between doubt and
 fear. The flood after three rapid days,
 being to make its approach, he dis-
 patched messengers to the chief of the
 giants, REXXON and Goo, PEEZ-
 MAMMON, and JEDAB, advising them
 hastily to store the ship with corn, wine
 and cattle, and to save themselves in
 this vessel, from the impending deluge.
 The giants applauded the wisdom,
 which they imagined, had found an
 infallible expedient, that would prevent
 the approaching destruction, and in-
 stantly follow'd the advice he gave.

Now from heaven descended the
 evening of the sixth day, the last which
 they imagin'd was granted to the sin-
 ful earth. In the night preceding the
 dreadful morn, that was expected to in-
 volve all the people in the lasting sleep
 of death, none in crowded Thamusa,
 sought the refreshment of balmy rest.
 Gloomy anxiety, without any glimpse
 of hope hover'd over the hours. Amidst
 these perturbations, rises the seventh
 morn: its noon came, and gave way
 to the gray evening, when the angel
 clos'd the ark. This day unexpected-
 ly rising in luminous attire, and in its
 progress all serene, brought on its wings
 the hope of life; and with it return'd
 presumptuous impiety, which before
 appall'd, had crept into the inmost re-
 cesses of their hearts, and there lay
 coil'd. Then an impious wretch,
 who had been struck with terror, with
 scarce recover'd speech, thus address'd
 his companion.

Thou must be speedy, unless thou
 art resolv'd to die before repentance;
 this mighty flood, the subject of
 much discourse, will soon be at thy
 heels, and then farewell earth and peo-
 ple. But he who was charg'd to be-
 molish the banks of the ocean, has
 perhaps loiter'd away his time, in some
 more agreeable amusement, or more
 more difficult than he suppos'd. It
 is no easy task, to diminish the
 powers of the sea, and pour them over the
 land. What if his voice should not per-
 vade the depth of the abyss, or they
 should refuse to rise at his com-
 mand. With sneering accent, the other re-
 ply'd, The sea perhaps will not afford
 him water enough to cover the land and
 its mountains; and he will be oblig'd
 to visit the moon for a supply. If he
 be gone thither, we shall not drink
 water in haste; therefore lest we thirst

before the feast is pour'd out to us; let
 us crown ourselves with roses, and ex-
 altate our hearts with wine; soon
 will it inspire us with resolution, and
 thus enliven'd we shall look down with
 contempt on these dreams of Death and
 Hell. Thus discours'd the giddy fools; but
 soon alas! was their wanton ridicule
 chang'd to dismal utterance, and their
 sneering looks to sad dismay. When
 night, close following the sun evening,
 descended from the firmament, a sub-
 terraneous murmur was heard rolling
 from south to west, thrice seven
 tremblings shook the earth, the moun-
 tain and its lofty peaks rock'd tremu-
 lous; the spacious plain swell'd into a
 hill, which bursting sent forth sulphu-
 reous fumes; while dreadful sounds roll'd
 along the agitated air, like the conjoin'd
 force of a thousand thunders. Now
 from the mounts disrupted womb fluid

columns rush upwards, and in dense
clouds spread over the sable sky; and
now with harsh roar, the darting streams
pour from the heavens, dreadful as a
shower of mountainous rocks. Soon
was the atmosphere fill'd with clouds
impell'd by raging whirlwinds, close
compacted in thick confusion, and
blacken than the night. To those who
were secure in the ark, the sight was
dreadful, but to those who stood on the
land, it was the front of Death. Lo,
the loud thunder separates the connec-
ted clouds, and in floods they fall on
the trembling earth, disfiguring the
fields and sandy plains, with gaping
furrows, torn up by the raging for-
rents. Then dy'd before their birth,
Derision, Raillery and Laughter. A
dizzy gloom o'erclouds the eyes, and
death-like paleness deadens the ruddy
cheek.

from the mount disrupted womb fluid
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All Thamista now stand staring with
 silent horror and stupid despair. On
 whom should they call? On the Lord,
 whom they had rejected? On SATAN,
 who delights in human victims? Or
 on Destiny, which is but an empty
 name? They ring their hands; they
 prostrate themselves on the wet earth;
 they beat their breasts. Alas, these
 were only abject lamentations, inspired
 by fear. Whither should they fly?
 Into the streets and open places, the
 swelling floods pour'd in torrents. In
 a festive hall before the temple of Des-
 tiny, the floor burst and upwards to-
 ward the sky, rose a column of com-
 pressed waters, and having reach'd its
 height, fell on the city, in a rapid des-
 cend, with a noise louder than the
 explosion of a whole battery plant-
 ed by the murderous hands of war.
 The torrents in the fields, rush'd
 with such impetuosity, that forests

from the mountains, and

rocks and houses, were driven before
 them. The ensuing day, if that name
 may be given to the sickly gleam,
 which with difficulty pierc'd through
 the clouds, Thamissa from its battle-
 ments beheld with languid eye, the
 view of death, and wild desolation
 spread all around: beheld the rivers
 which had before delightfully water'd
 the smiling land now confin'd in one
 wide lake, extending farther than the
 eye could reach: the flood had tal-
 ready overspread the plains, and was
 gaining the hills: while man, beast and
 fowl, with vain efforts, lay struggling
 on its everwhelming surfaces: Where
 the rich orchards rear'd their lofty
 tops; where fruitful autumn bent un-
 der the waving ear; where the vines
 with purple clusters adorn'd the side
 long hill, or the lofty cedar, trust its
 lengthen'd waving shade, is spread

general foundation, and drew down the
 herbs, plants, and flowers; the leafy
 vices and fragrant groves, with all their
 gibbons, and all their odours dead. The
 distressed birds with feeble pinions
 skim the lightning clouds, and fly
 from tree to tree, and hill to hill, still
 the impetuous storm, whirl them round
 and dash them in the deep. The
 sturdy clapping and lashing bill, scum-
 bling skin the impetuous waves, and
 forming life above the swelling surge
 in vain. Alas! the birds of the air,
 the beasts of the forest and the field,
 with man, the lord of the creation,
 finding all their efforts ineffectual, die
 immers'd even as the reptile, all drink
 death in the water, mingled by the em-
 met, with resin, nitre and sulphur.

Now was the city encompass'd by
 the prevailing flood, and the lustre of
 its structures of polish'd marble, amidst
 the turbid deep, resembled the sunset

moon, in a gloomy sky. Within its walls, death had shut up its choicest victims. The waters daily rose, daily the people saw their fate approaching nearer, and felt a lingering death. They beheld the swelling flood pour its way into their bolted chambers, or pursue them to the lofty roof. Some made the summits of the pyramids their refuge, and wishing for death, fled its approach with bitterest lamentations; they sought the securest places, crying, O ye walls, ye towers, fall on us! Ye waters from above, ye waters of the abyss, cover us! thro' all eternity cover us! Never let us more know life and light! But the wallings of sinners, did not arrest the swelling flood.

In the mean time, **Os** and his confidants, fill'd with dismay, embark'd in the capacious vessel, and with them their wives, their children, and near relations, peculiarly dear, though amidst

the general confusion, many were lost.
 The first night they pass'd at random,
 then, under the walls, with dejected
 looks, all silent and torpid with fear,
 till lo! the flood call'd them into
 the open country, now a sea. Their
 sails were rent, their masts broke, the
 vessel was bounded o'er the swelling
 waves, his mounted up to the clouds,
 rush'd down into the deep; then
 rose the sport of every wind. Chill
 horror seiz'd the heart of Osland, his
 associates, and all their confidence
 vanish'd. Helpless they stood, amidst
 the raging storm, while the rain in
 torrents fell, the thunder rolling tre-
 mendous, with aggravated roar, ming-
 ling peal on peal, and livid lightnings
 darting through the clouds, and bla-
 zing all around. By the pale quiver-
 ing gleam they at length espied rais'd
 high on lofty columns the colossal sta-
 tue of Destiny, an idol much ador'd,
 once their hope and confidence; but

now its head struck off by the pointed
 lightning, and sunk into the awayer.
 Stupid they gaz'd with dumb dismay,
 then sunk beneath the foaming waves,
 as to the depths of Hell; but rising
 soon on the back of the swelling surge,
 again saw the trunk of their helpless
 giddy to which they had long offer'd
 human victims, and being driven by
 the howling winds, they struck upon
 it, when both the ship and the obbe-
 sing dashed into a thousand pieces, they
 sunk into the deeps, now their watery
 grave, hoofs they flood away.
 Helpless they stood while the rain
 fell, the righteous whom God had
 preserv'd in the ark, that unseen had
 the floods roll'd from Eden's bursting
 springs; nor unheard had the subter-
 raneous murmur roll'd, nor felt the
 quakes which wav'd the globe.
 They had observ'd the black clouds
 advance, impell'd by storms, and over-

spreading the darken'd land, discharge
 themselves in precipitate streams; but
 the comet, the source of all, was con-
 ceal'd by the sable clouds; and, unseen,
 bent its course, towards the path of
 Mercury, rejoicing in its escape. Long
 had the flood to rise, ere it reach'd that
 part of the mountain on which the ark
 was built: for it stood on an eminence,
 the height of which exceeded that of
 the pyramids, whose mountains rais'd
 by human toil. Close to the side of a
 rising rock was it built, whose top
 projecting, sent the important vessel,
 the waters from above streaming over
 it, in glassy sheets. Thus shelter'd, it
 stood secure from the raging winds and
 battering rain. Within now light ap-
 pear'd, for the sun's cheerful rays were
 intercepted by the teeming clouds,
 which blended day with night, except
 where pendant lamps, hanging from
 the lofty ceiling, supply'd the absence
 of the sun. Of the prospect their

Thus secure, they with placid tranquillity, attended the great confusion, mixed to their ears, the preservation of the animal, occasional and now was laborious. Of the cattle, some they themselves attended, others by instinct took their proper aliment, in moderate quantity, while others look'd up in deep requir'd no attendance. All silent and gentle kept their place, while the stimulations of love, in soul and beauty, were suspended. The precious hours, thus savour'd, slowly pass'd, by a well-connex'd train of images they joyfully liv'd, and pass'd with purpose, and each moment, and evening heard their grateful hymns to the ingenuous Deity, who had promis'd to transport them over the watery waste, into a land that should be the heritage of their descendants. All were tranquil, all rely'd on the sure promise of the Meer Haags, and not the least doubt enter'd their hearts. Of the brothers and sis-

interchang'd their embraces, and
pleasing gratulations on their deliver-
ance, and present felicity, then blam-
ing their inadequate expressions, re-
new'd their pious endearments,

Here in the ark, my dear sisters,
said THAMAR, we are indeed more
closely confin'd, but not more solitary
than in the groves of Paradise: for we
were there more forlorn; ere we knew
our dear companions, who, though we
were created for them, were to us un-
known. Our mansion, 'tis true, was
in the most lovely spot of the creation,
amidst flowers and plants of the most
glowing colours, and sweetest odours:
Yet those colours were inanimate, and
those odours speechless: They were
capable, indeed, of giving us pleasure
and suggesting new ideas: but not of
receiving pleasure from us. Not much
fitter for our company, not more bene-
ficial, was the society of the animated

such's carnation glows, and the only

works of the great CREATOR; their faces are bent to the earth, and their perceptions, their faculties, far inferior to ours. Oh how tedious, how burdensome, was that solitude, when we felt that our tender hearts, were form'd for love—felt in our impassion'd breasts, all the power of sensibility, while proper objects of our affection, we could no where see? There we here enjoy, and have worthy friends who deserve all that profusion of tenderness it is in our power to bestow—Oh what can be sweeter than the exertion of this tenderness? Thus, we have here those of whom we are most fond, and this renders the ark to us, a little world. Nor are we here entirely depriv'd of Paradise: We have brought from thence, plenty of its fruit, fair to the eye, and grateful to the taste and smell: For us they still diffuse their odours, and display their beauties. Still KERENHAPUCH's carnation glows, and the only

plant now in bloom, blooms for us. The plants which still exist in the deep, have lost all their beauty, and exhale their odours among the turbid waters. Above all, how delightfully does this living canvas, formed by some celestial hand, supply the loss of the lovely flooded meads by animated vintys, and a thousand nameless beauties, arising from painted light and shade. Here we see angels and men, who appear alive, with whom we, in a manner converse, and in part understand their meanings as the delugement triumphs; as the extinction of every whole earth. In the mean time the days pass over, if that name be due to a faint twilight, succeeding the darkness of night. The flood continu'd to rise; the ark floated; and the lower cliffs of the mountains sinking, the whole was reduc'd to a plain. The destruction continu'd forty days, during which a continual torrent fell from the clouds.

At length the violence of these first rains ceas'd, serenity gradually spread through the less agitated air, and the resplendent rays of the sun play'd on the glittering deep. The ark then floated along the liquid plain. How astonish'd were Noah's offspring at seeing the watery waste, an immense sea without a shore, bounded only by the distant sky. Amaz'd they gaz'd around. Then collecting their scatter'd thoughts, consider'd all before them as the wide field of carnage, in which death sat triumphant; as the desolation of the whole earth; the extinction of every species that lay dead in the waters, especially of the human form'd by the CREATOR, half terrestrial, and half divine; now at once surpris'd by death in the midst of their sins, the aged and the young, the children and their father, the mother and the bride, all overflow'd and mingled in one common grave. They now saw that all hopes

of retrieving this amazing chasm in the creation, rested only on the few beings inclos'd in the ark. Not the hand of death itself could have struck NOAH and his sons with greater horror than this spectacle. But recollection soon brought to their minds the idea that the justice of the ETERNAL had been guided by infinite wisdom and goodness in this desolation; and had graciously decreed their exemption from the general slaughter. Yet pity and commiseration gently seiz'd their hearts, and their minds sympathiz'd with the sufferings of the drown'd; and man united man in his distress.

Now the emotions which swell'd their breasts dissolv'd in a gush of tears, and even NOAH's resign'd virtue, was seen to weep. HAM, of firm and steady mind, whose cheeks were hardly ever wet with those gentle kindly drops, now wept like the tender THAMAR: he strove in vain to restrain his tears, and not being able to

keep them back, endeavour'd to conceal them with his hand. His father concern'd at beholding his inward conflict, call'd him to him, and thus address'd the silent youth.

Oh be not ashamed, said he, of these tender emotions: check not the generous flow— their source is deriv'd from the CREATOR. Men at their birth, He who is goodness itself, bound to each other by bands of love, and united by the tender sympathies of humanity and friendship. But then, then for breaking the band which unites man to man, that thou and thine offspring centering all their affections in themselves, may not mourn a calamity, in which they are not involv'd? no, discard the ungenerous thought, the sorrow felt at the woes of our fellow creatures, is not so insupportable, that to avoid it, thou shouldst tear in sunder the gentle bands of nature. Oh, it betrays a mind too selfish

and unwilling to shrink from the soft
 pain of human sympathy. The distin-
 guishing excellence of a great mind, is
 universal benevolence, and the most
 exquisite sensations flow from the con-
 sideration, that man was created for
 man, and hence the all-gracious CRE-
 A-TOR, has mingled the most ravishing
 sweetness, with the gentle tears of hu-
 manity.

Thus all wept and awhile indulg'd
 the bliss'd relief of tears. Then HAM
 reply'd, How dark and intricate are the
 ways of the LORD, age and youth,
 with the burden'd slave, to fall
 equally mingled with the guiltless in-
 fant, in one common ruin. How se-
 vere does this seem to him, who with
 weak eye, pries into the depths of Pro-
 vidence, which are so profound, that
 nothing can be discern'd. Confound-
 ed and amaz'd, we acknowledge the
 ALMIGHTY, adoring that justice

which cannot err, and is always conducted by wisdom and goodness:

NOAH answer'd: Dost thou HAM think it severe that punishment confounds youth and age, innocence and guilt? Perhaps a thousand virtuous persons have not perish'd—Perish'd do I say? I ought rather to have said, kindly reliev'd from the miseries of life, from the snares, the persecutions and terrors of a wicked world, and plac'd in a state where sinners can no longer torment, and where all is endless peace and unutterable joy. As to the infants, happy are they in being deliver'd from the examples of their parents. In that theatre, which God fills with His infinitude, there are innumerable worlds, where those may enjoy a blissful eternity, who early quit this mortal life before they have attain'd mature virtue, or by the accidents and calamities common to man, have linger'd out a tedious length of years in

affliction and distress. This world, O my son, affords not the proper rewards of virtue; these will be dispens'd with a liberal hand, in a better world. There is what nothing on earth can give, or can destroy, sun-shine in the soul, tranquility and joy most rapturous and sublime!

Thus spake NOAH, and thus many ages later, thought the bard who rang'd o'er all the scenes of man. Oft on wings of fire, he soar'd towards Heaven, and explor'd the wonders of Divine Providence. Be not surpriz'd, O POPE and YOUNG, ye glories of an island rich in genius, that NOAH and SIPHA, should think and speak like you; from the same avenues to truth, they were not excluded; for to them also the source of truth was open, and where ye drew, they likewise drew the clear celestial stream.

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THE ARGUMENT

The description of the almost insupportable
grief of death conveys the loss of sinners to
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of a momentary splendour in the firmament
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IMAGINATION, sister of the
muse, creation's intimate associate,
when thou sittest brooding, from thy
warm influence, mingled forms arise,
surrounding thee their mother, and fol-
lowing where thou leadst the way;
whether into thine own land, the re-
gion of solitary silence, or the lovely
grove, dedicated to contemplation

sweet. Then hill and vale swarm
with airy shapes: Heaven to thee dis-
plays her flaming seraphs, and from the
infernal abyss, fell monsters rise. Oh
to me unfold thy creative power! yet
not sufficient is it for thee to produce
thine airy band, nor for them to hover
round me in numbers tumultuous, if
the muse observes not with intelligent
eye, and with assiduous care, does not
select thy choicest offspring.

Beasts, birds and insects, destroy'd
by one blow, stopp'd not the greedy
jaws of Death, who hasted to the deep
to gratify his insatiate appetite on the
finny race, and multitudes who liv'd in
water, dy'd in the foaming waves.
Some perish'd in the slime, entangled
as in nets, hence their teeth, their
bones, their skeletons, are found in the
slaty slate, or bury'd in lands, far dis-
tant from the shore. Others escap'd
not the concussions that tore up the

bottom of the watery deep; or were dash'd in pieces in the eddies of circumvolving whirlpools. For, by the CREATOR's order, no more escap'd than suffic'd to renew the several species. Then in vain, the enormous whale, spouted streams into the ambient air; in vain lashing the foaming flood, he rais'd mountainous waves; his ample fins and spreading tail, could no relief afford. NOAH's family saw his convulsive throws, and beheld his struggles with death, till spent he turn'd lifeless on his back.

Now the floating receptacle of man swam under the vault of the northern sky. The atmosphere was serene, and the deep being only mov'd by a gentle gale, a long furrow strew'd with glittering light mark'd its track. Fishes of strange appearance arm'd with swords, rose to the surface of the deep; and others with extended fins flew in the

to avoid the crushing fall of the hills,
 which frequently cover'd the sea around
 with whirling eddies, and boiling foam.
 Some of the fish leapt above the water,
 and sportive play'd about the ark, as if
 to attract the eye of man, and solicit
 his regard. Several of these the women
 would have sav'd; but the ark was
 clos'd by the seal of God, and no in-
 habitant of the sea was to enter there.
 Whatever, said NOAH, is appointed
 for life, this floating mansion already
 contains; and however the falling earth
 and waters be intermix'd, or whatever
 dangers the hills suffer from the falling
 rocks, the DELUGER will direct such
 numbers to their secure abodes, that the
 lives of many shall be sav'd; and when
 the limits of the land and sea shall be
 again determin'd, neither sea nor river
 shall want its inhabitants.

In the confines of the stervy sky,
 where old Night and Chaos strangers to
 the creative word, incessant tears, is a
 solitary moon, of seven moons the most
 remote; these roll round a planet of
 magnitude immense, on which the sun
 shines with languid beams. To this
 moon flew the angel of death, and with
 him, the disembodied souls of sinners,
 whose lightings they cover'd the whole
 surface with a pale Cimerian gloom. As
 in western Thule, flocks of emigrant
 birds, innumerable steer through the
 pathless air, their Casar for their un-
 dering guide, and clapping their wings,
 alight, covering the rocks and moun-
 tains, where they erect their transitory
 domains. Thus flew these wan spec-
 tres, and thus clapp'd their sounding
 wings. But while they lay amidst the
 benumbing frost, this sentence is thun-
 der'd forth, Ye spirits impure, shall
 lie in the sleep of death, while the
 earth shall last, till the mighty trumpet

shall awake you to a second judgment.
Then the angel of death, striking them
with his ebon wand, they sunk down.
How unlike this, was the fate of those
souls, who had newly enter'd their in-
fant bodies, and whom the flood sur-
priz'd ere they wereripen'd into thought!
These the angel bore into the luminous
zones of the sun, and there open'd to
their ravish'd view, celestial knowledge,
and heavenly love. But far above the
terrestrial sun RAPHAEL carry'd those,
who mature in understanding, at the
first appearance of the deluge, had
turn'd to God, and on whom he had
deign'd to smile.

Vested in crimson, adorn'd with
streams of light, pass'd fifteen genial
days, brightening the fields of liquid
air, and diffusing fresh spirits into the
men, beasts and birds in the ark. This
was the gracious CREATOR's will, and
of this they had need; for soon were

the loaded clouds again fill'd, soon did
they darken the azure sky, and soon
were tempests again to rend the air;
for the comet with a swifter motion than
that of the moon, hastening through
the solar region, seem'd leaving the
heavens, when on reaching the con-
stellation Aries, it suddenly turn'd,
and with equal velocity halted back to
the spaces on this side the sun. It now
approach'd the earth, its disk and fiery
tail, increasing, threaten'd the globe
with new oceans. Not without appre-
hensions, yet with tranquil reliance on
their DIVINE PROTECTOR, who had
hitherto cover'd them, with his al-
mighty wings, NOAH and his family,
beheld the dreadful sight.

Over the ark, hover'd the benevo-
lent RAPHAEL in a celestial pavilion of
ethereal clouds, of web invisible, and
for human eyes too fine. On this pa-
vilion fell no rain, and immovable

amidst the boisterous storms, a celestial
 effulgence excluded all darkness. Oft
 did he enter the ark, and stand visible
 before Noah, in the apartment to which
 he retir'd at noon. Shrouded by the
 darkness of an human form, he thus
 sat by our fathers, honouring him with
 angelic converse. Then soar'd man up
 to the lowest thoughts of angels, and
 the angel descended to human subli-
 mity. His presence was not conceal'd
 from Noah's family, oft did they
 hear the melody of his voice, often
 did they perceive his looks benign, but
 restrain'd by sacred awe, either stood at a
 distance, or pursu'd their daily occu-
 pations, in distributing provisions to the
 animals committed to their care, or in
 washing those in large vessels, who di-
 vide their lives between the land and
 water. **RAPHAEL** now came array'd in the
 lustre of the morning to Noah, who

was in the room adorn'd with prophetic paintings, where he was praying to that Power, who had built him a house on the floods. The angel stood in reverential silence, till Noah arose from his knees, and then sat down on a sofa by his side. Needless would it have been for him to have desir'd his attention to his discourse.

This morning, O Noah, said he, I return'd from the empyreum, where JAHOVAH has erected his throne. Rapid was my flight, that the ark might not long be left alone, though during my absence the omnipotent eye of God was upon it. In proceeding thither, I, by the Divine command, conducted to the assembly of the fathers in the highest Heavens, those souls who in a world of profligate sinners, revered the Most High, and persever'd in the practice of virtue, for on them he had graciously look'd down, and from them

turn'd not his face, though he permitted
them to be involv'd with sinners, in
the destroying flood. Virtue cannot
deliver from the stroke of death; but,
higher rewards await her, than earth
can bestow. A multitude, obscure
and unknown, but precious in the eye
of God, and by him alone observ'd,
collected from all regions, assembled
about me from the deep, where they
had been detain'd by the body, and
sleeping were solac'd with beatific vi-
sion. Amongst them were some of
the descendants of Senn, whose con-
science awaken'd by the red comet's
fiery blaze, reviv'd in their minds the
almost effac'd ideas of virtue, and of
the REDEEMER, who should crush the
head of the serpent, and looking up to
God, had with deep contrition and fin-
cerity of heart, implor'd pardon and
illumination. Others, a nobler band,
who had offer'd no victims to the infer-
nal monarch, who had not acknow-

ledg'd a blind Destiny; nor bow'd the
knee to idols; who, instead of being
slaves to appetite, were unmoved by the
examples of the wicked, and faithful to
the Lord their Maker; their chief
care being to approve themselves to the
Most High. They had bravely borne,
for the cause of truth, the mockery of
the giddy people, and the implacable
hated of the idolatrous priests. Among
my charge, I discover'd and embrac'd
L A O N S E R and his worthy sons,
who will no longer feel the persecutor's
rage, and for whom are reserv'd crowns
of everlasting glory. At the head of
this select band, I gently flew, while
they follow'd me, without weariness,
and some I took on my protecting
wings, and so I flew, and so I flew,
and so I flew, and so I flew,
Next to these flew, with vigorous
wing several refin'd souls; THIRZA, a
poor laborious widow, who spent her
life with innocence and purity. She

was pious, upright, and religious. She subsisted by spinning, weighing the yarn she delivered with honest care, and the mean rewards of her industry, shar'd among her six children.

HASER seem'd born for EERZA, her inclination to virtue, and her taste for moral beauty, promis'd him golden days, but to another she had given her hand. His love was therefore dangerous to virtue, and in a dissolute age, when invested with power to accomplish his wishes, he bravely resolv'd to see her no more, and thus by a generous effort, deliver'd his soul from perdition.

ELIPHAS had been entrusted by the dying SYCHEM with three thousand pieces of gold, which he was to deliver to HELIM. No witness was present; no acknowledgement given; and HELIM besides being immensely rich, and

extremely voluptuous, was his inveterate enemy. ELIPHAS labour'd under extreme indigence, and that sum would have been the source of earthly prosperity, while his appropriating it to his own use, must to man have remain'd a secret, yet ELIPHAS confiding in the providence of the Most High, deliver'd the entrusted sum to HAZAM, and continu'd to eat the bread of care, for no distress could shake his inflexible probity. SALMON, a slave in the bloom of youth, eagerly pursu'd the kisses obstructed on his lips breathing the fragrance of spring. He bridled his own warm desires, from obedience to the commands of his Obedient, and his reverence for the marriage bed of a tyrannic master. Thrice had he broke from her wanton arms, till bound in chains, she forc'd him to receive her dangerous embraces, when the swelling

surge breaking in upon them, he re-
 joic'd in his deliverance. The noble
 Haran and Adu saw their most
 amiable son, who was suckled by the
 breast of virtue, expire. Such was
 like a young tree planted by the pur-
 ling brook, whose branches spread over
 the water. His bloom of life, pro-
 duce'd the fruit of age, and in him
 breath'd the Divine Spirit. They hop'd
 that his years would have been pro-
 long'd till the coming of the MESSIAH,
 that he might attend and serve him;
 but death laid low this new-blown
 flower. While they were lamenting
 him, the fountains of the abyss were
 open'd, and embracing each other, they
 with pleas'd serenity, receiv'd the flood,
 rejoicing that they should ascend to the
 regions of light, and join their beloved
 son.

The hospitable SOBAK had expended half his substance in the generous offices of humanity: in the lonely darkness of the night, and when the piercing east wind blew, he receiv'd and entertain'd the stranger. The necessitous visited SOBAK, and went away rejoicing. At length wretches in the disguise of poverty, robb'd him of the other half. Not a single complaint escap'd him. Rid of the earthly load, said he, my soul shall soar with lighter wings: I am only concern'd that the food of the indigent and the stranger, is taken from me. May the Most High, whom with grateful heart, I will ever adore, take me to himself, since my business in life is now over, and my office of giving relief to others is expired. SOBAK then perceiv'd the rising flood, and joyfully welcom'd its approach.

Noah had two brothers born of her
 mother, the daughter of JARAB. All
 three had one heart, that glow'd with
 the hopes of the salvation, to be accom-
 plish'd by the seed of the woman. The
 brothers lay chain'd in prison with
 robbers. They were sentenc'd to be
 burn'd by their consuming flames, for
 their magnanimity in boldly acknow-
 ledging, before the assembled worship-
 pers of Belial, their faith in the pro-
 mis'd Saviour, and exorcising SA-
 TAN and APOCALYPSE. They taught
 the robbers to know the conqueror of
 SATAN, and while praising God
 were deliver'd by the waters of the
 deluge.

Among one of the people who, in
 Masia had bound thee, O NOAH, had
 at the menace of the threatening comet,
 reflect'd on thine admonitions, and be-
 coming sensible of his sins, humbled
 himself before the ALMIGHTY, and

we saw and like a tame beast

preach'd the approaching judgment. He bravely utter'd the truth even before AMNOB, declaring that the murderous sword, and the anguish of torture can never instruct the understanding—never lead to piety and virtue—never be agreeable to that gracious Being who delights in mercy. AMNOB heard him and was enraged, he caus'd him to be load'd with irons; he confin'd him in prison, and order'd that he should be throw'n to the lions; but the floods came and overwhelm'd both the tyrant and the tyrannical or robber. God punish'd him and while punishing him receiv'd an injury, but the person who injur'd him that night met with affliction, and the next day HUSAN sent him relief. His delight was to forgive. He subdu'd the envious by his lenity, and evil-doers by his kindness. The wife of HUSAN lay bound with the cords of ignorance; she was good when the tranquil blood enforc'd goodness, and like a tame beast, was mild

and gentle thro' weakness. But HUMAN's soul, triumphant stretch'd its pinions. He discover'd that virtue being founded on beauty and harmony, is endu'd with attractive charms. Thus was his virtue built on knowledge, and his liberality flow'd from reflection. In the silent hour of meditation would he cry, How sweet, O virtue, are thine engaging beauties! I am enamour'd with thine excellence, and my delights are those of the SUPREME SOURCE OF GOODNESS. This already pours a settled complacency over my mind. — But what an infinite fund of felicity must be contain'd in the knowledge of that great BEING who is the uncreated FOUNTAIN of order, beauty and harmony, and of the wisdom visible in all His various works! in thy resplendence O sun! in thy flowery bosom O earth! But from all my enquiries, such knowledge is precluded. Oh that I was acquainted with the comprehensive powers of the human mind, and all the

various orders of beings that fill up that
 immense distance between God and me
 How much is my knowledge confin'd
 to the sons of the dust? How much
 am I a stranger to the ways of the
 Most High, and His dealings with
 mankind? Tho' to my ever-attentive
 ear, there is no sound in the creation
 that does not speak of God; my eyes
 which receive His light, and range
 through the earth and sky, every where
 see something of Him. Oh how I fear
 some fatal offence has induc'd Him to
 turn His face from man; He hides
 Himself, and we grope in darkness. But
 when my soul shall shake off this en-
 cumbring flesh, I shall surely see and
 know Him better: His bright irradia-
 tions will then disperse the clouds of
 ignorance and folly that now hover
 round me, and I shall then be taught
 to worship and adore Him as I ought.
 These were his pleasing hopes, when
 the rising flood deliver'd him from his

house of clay, and now he lives in the
blest region, where pure knowledge
flows in upon him in a perpetual
stream, and where enraptur'd, he enjoys
the beatific vision.

With this precious charge, and other
noble minds, I proceeded to the Hea-
ven of Heavens, and there having ar-
ray'd them in glory, conducted them
to the embraces of ADAM. LAMECH
thy father was not among the other pa-
triarchs then with the father of men.
He had long entertain'd a desire to visit
this globe, that he might see the deliver-
rance of thee his son. This Lamech
communicated to ADAM, who on this
account besought the Lord, and in
the divine look, both saw his permissi-
on. LAMECH had therefore set out a-
lone, taking his way through the starry
heavens. His flight exceeds that of the
wing'd lightening, but is less swift than
that of the angels, which kept pace

with the sunbeams. I have seen him
 in his way through the still wilds of
 ether, between suns innumerable, with
 their attendant worlds: a sight stupen-
 dously magnificent! Knowing the fix'd
 star, which enlightens this earth, he
 with unwear'd wings, hastens to it,
 and gently hovering, alights at URREL's
 residence. That angel is not now there;
 but is gone with an angelic train that
 rule over the sun, and the regions with-
 in its orb, to the opposite side of that
 luminous body, on account of the near
 approach of the comet. These celestial
 spirits also inhabit the souls which re-
 side thither, in bodies not form'd of the
 dust, but all in essential beauty dress'd;
 their substance interwoven light, by
 skill unsearchable adapted to their use,
 and fitted to bear the solar flame, re-
 joicing in that light to human eye insup-
 portable; while they see and feel what
 escapes thy grosser senses. LAMECH
 now stands on a tower, conversing with

the inhabitants of the sun, URIEL's friends, and thence looks down on the solar system, sees the path where rolls the abode of man, beyond the circle of Phosphorus, to this earth the harbinger of day; sees also the Moon's silver disk, yet in vain seeks the earth, which is obscur'd. I perceive him darting his eye around, I must therefore leave thee to remove his solicitude, and inform him of thy preservation.

RAPHAEL then ascended towards the sun, where the radiant inhabitants stood conversing with LAMEN, who appear'd visible amidst the radiant brightness, though he had veil'd his celestial effulgence as too strong, even for the sight of the inhabitants of that planet, who listen'd to his words, while he related to them the fate of the earth and its inhabitants.

31 LAMECH having given them this account, one of the bright spirits reply'd, As the earth is the third of those globes that revolve round the sun, we frequently send down a look thither, following the light transmitted from this star. We lately saw the comet surrounded with dense clouds, approach that orb, to pour the impending deluge. Under it faded the beautiful appearance of the variegated earth, and death stalk'd over hill and dale. By this event, the sun is a loser, as well as that its attendant world, accusom'd to behold its light: it suffers a loss of new inhabitants, which thence resorted to it, as from the other five opaque worlds, whose track is round this radiant orb. Those souls whose union with the body, was dissolv'd, before reason could exert its power, were by their guardian angels brought up hither, where they were invested with bodies of light, and en-

gag'd in employments adapted to the
discovery of the admirable wisdom dis-
play'd in the works of the CREATOR.
Thus no small number of the inhabi-
tants of the sun have left their guilty fa-
thers on earth, where they were plung'd
in vice. The last colony that came
left their earthly bodies under the furies,
which now on every side, encir-
cles the globe, and these were a most
numerous host. Their conductors relat-
ed of their parents actions most wicked,
most horrible, and such as could only
be committed by those who had shook
off humanity, and were grovell'd in the
dust. These have rous'd the CREA-
TOR'S wrath, and kindled anger in that
face, where love and mercy sit en-
thron'd. Yet pity has check'd his an-
ger, and that the whole race might not
be destroy'd. He has prefer'd one fami-
ly, that of NOAH, LAMECH'S son, of
SETH'S and ENOCH'S lineage. Oh how

was I rayin'd at the tydings of my
brother NOAH's preservation! I was
born on earth, I liv'd in a body of dust,
NOAH's brother, and LAMECH's son,
of thirty the youngest. NOAH, the first-
born, God only permitted to grow up
to maturity; me and my brothers, the
angel of death pluck'd green from the
stem, the blossom scarce dispos'd.

Thus spake the lucent form, when
LAMECH hastily answer'd, Art thou
MICHA, my youngest child!—My MI-
CHA, of whom I had such hopes—whom
in thine opening bloom, which pro-
mis'd the fairest fruits, death snatch'd
away? And is that dense earthly frame
replac'd by this fair luminous form?
How irrational were my lamentations
for thine early death! O my son,
let thy happy father's arms receive
thee!

Methanah's embrac'd sunk on La-
 mech's bosom. He embrac'd not an
 airy form, for Lamech had invested
 the radiancy of his celestial light with
 beams more compact than
 In the meanwhile RAPHAEL with
 expanded wings alighted on the batte-
 ments of URIEL's residence, and LA-
 MECH instantly knowing him, ap-
 proach'd with reverential obeisance,
 while the inhabitants of the sun re-
 spectfully withdrew. O, RAPHAEL!
 said he, one of the principal messen-
 gers who carries the commands of the
 Most High to the earth, who visitest
 it with benign joy, to make known to
 mortal man the ways of the Lord,
 auspicious is the hour which brings
 thee here to me. Thou wilt conduct my
 solitary flight to the abode of man,
 which after a long search, I cannot
 find. Alas, how should I? I hear the
 night of death hath wrapp'd it up in

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illumination) it tail'd from the chambers
 of the deep, and receiv'd by the wa-
 ter's profoundness. To see with it come
 burning in its borders, and spread new
 against on the terrible ball. Many
 days of thence is rain and dark the at-
 tending light, and few have afforded
 showing light. I say whose wings beat
 under winds and storm, yet the float-
 ing ark shall they not hurt. I will
 preserve it. I will direct it forth in
 peace, through tempests, darkness and
 the tumultuous deep. Sometimes with
 darken'd wings, I hover about it in-
 visible. Sometimes I show myself with-
 in the ark, holding friendly converse
 with Noah and his family. This the
 most Hittite has enjoyed, lest the
 length of lowering days should pour
 its melancholy influence into their
 hearts. Till the earth be freed from
 the waters, and I have plac'd the
 ark upon a new land, rising above the
 night of death.

Today, I return not to the blissful shades
 of Heaven! Thou indeed mayst return
 to that seat of joy, where happiness is
 prepar'd for thine arrival, a multitude
 of select souls, rais'd from the deluge,
 are now with the patriarchs, whose
 freight forsaken paths they follow'd.
 On them the Most High has look'd
 down complacent; He rais'd them from
 their tabernacles of clay, and by His
 order, I have conducted them to the
 celestial abodes. My duty now demands
 my return to the ark, ~~to my mountain~~
~~and my woods~~ ~~to my~~ ~~mountain~~
~~and my woods~~ ~~to my~~ ~~mountain~~
 I answer'd, One daily dote
 suffering many, though himself in a state
 of felicity, cannot unmoved bear the
 extinction of his species; yet I have
 less cause to bewail the whole world of
 the cruelly, impious, and profane, than to
 rejoice that God is so far pleas'd to ho-
 nour one righteous man, as to appoint
 him the restorer of the lost world, and

that this man is my son. His deliverance is indeed great and glorious but a deliverance infinitely more glorious shall one day be accomplish'd: for from him shall descend the son of the Most High.

The seraph without reply flew from the sun to the earth, where LAMACH observ'd him alight. Now his son had not yet chang'd his attitude. HUSAR's history, and his being conducted by the benevolent angel into the empyreum, there to acquire the wisdom, after which he panted, and enjoy the beatific vision, made such an impression on all his faculties, that in speechless transport he still sat with his head bent, and resting on his hand, when the angel, who was already return'd, stood before him, and said, His son shall be born. LAMACH, no longer fill'd with doubtful conjectures in relation to the

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earth, and freed from all concern about
 thee, his son, will now fly back, carry-
 ing various tidings to the patriarchs.
 He has been accommodated for his visit
 to the sun by the satisfaction he felt in
 seeing and embracing with paternal af-
 fection, one of the happy inhabitants of
 that luminary, MIREIA, his youngest
 son, and thy brother, whom the angel
 of death dismiss'd from the earth; but
 his guardian angel convey'd him to the
 sun, and invested him pure spirit with
 fine members and a lovely form, that he
 might observe the wisdom visible in the
 finest works of the great Creator.
 In a moment unexpectedly found him
 there; for the Eternal Father had
 provided this tender pleasure for his
 paternal heart.

NOAH, now fill'd with new astonish-
 ment, was long lost in thought, ere he
 could bringer his ideas; but at length
 recovering speech, he cry'd

What a treasure of joyful tydings,
hast thou, O celestial spirit, laid before
me! What a prospect of the ways of
God at once rush upon me, and strike
my soul with wonder! Thou bringest
to me a view of the love of God that
pierces through my soul, and seems to
intoxicate all its powers. No mortal
without leisure can arrange such a mul-
titude of thoughts; but the circling
hours will unobserv'd pass by, when I
exultate on what thou, in few words,
hast now reveal'd, while the infinite
importance of these divine images, re-
viv'd by contemplation, will from this
narrow mansion raise our souls to Hea-
ven.

RAPHAEL answer'd, O NOAH, thou
and the rest of thy family will for some
time longer make it necessary for me to
revive your drooping spirits in this con-
fin'd dwelling; for still is the hour ap-
pointed for your leaving it at a distance,

and again mountainous clouds are to approach from afresh, and a new sea is to be poured over the earth; but you shall not want subjects sufficient to employ and strengthen your minds; that they, as well as your bodies, may be preserved firm and active while in the ark.

At length Noah's ark appeared; and then disappeared. In the mean time, LAMECH lay'd no longer in the fun than to bless MEVUS and his radiant brothers; then return'd home, by the way he came.

While sailing towards the extremity of the starry firmament, under him he perceives in a small moon, myriads of spirits, reposing on the fowers of asphodel; this exciting LAMECH's curiosity, he dropp'd his wings to take a nearer view. They who had before appear'd on the earth in exalted sta-

tions, inflated with their pre-eminence,
 these slay mingled with the vulgar,
 their titles and dignities of an vault.
 The patriarchs, fully breathing in robes
 of immortal reviving breath, raised
 him from the deep of death. He awoke,
 saw the diligent spirit stand before
 him, and heard his voice. Of what
 spirit, said I, brought me thou, and
 the multitude here sleeping with thee?
 Alas, I now plainly see you are those
 whom the deluge by a righteous judi-
 cence, has at once swept from the world.
 dies. An account of that race of har-
 dened sinners, who heard impiety on
 impiety, have reached my ears.
 The unhappy soul answered trem-
 bling. The punishments are just, I am
 the spirits of the flagitious multitude
 who have been suddenly separated from
 our bodies by the avenging deluge, and
 brought hither by an angel of death.
 Is the day of the second judgment at hand?

riv'd in I flatter'd myself with hope
 that I should find a way to escape
 had I but known what I was doing
 ready to die I had not been so long
 wick'd too long. Oh that I had not
 dream'd of glory, I had not been so
 down with me, I had not been so
 more to make. Or is it only that I
 fly, which too far from me, I had not
 from my self, I had not been so
 again into my former state, that I
 a passion, and I forgetful of my self
 these inward horrors, I had not been so
 on, I had not been so, I had not been so
 I am now, I had not been so, I had not been so
 amidst this miserable multitude, I had not been so
 relate the history of thy life, and then
 feel the force of this death-like sleep.
 Oh that I could hide from God, I had not
 he, from angels, and men, I had not been so
 to Macon, the delegate of Omnipot
 tence. Had thou not heard of P
 not, I was then in the hands of
 lord of the living and the dead, I had not been so

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ing and was committed to my guidance,
 and I pointed to guilt in every thing not
 according to his will against all who did
 not reverence his commands, as those
 of the Deity. I taught him to be ill
 with his human blood. I taught him,
 that he alone was free, and terrible sub-
 jection the portion of all others. I
 taught him that every command to be
 executed, with the same certainty as
 the will and desire of the monarch. Be-
 fore him filial duty, the laws of honour,
 maternal affections, and blood love,
 were to keep silence. It was I who
 kindled his consuming fury, The Chu-
 sites, thy slaves, said I, have a neck of
 flint, and cannot bend to obedience,
 therefore oblige them, for the mightiest
 crimes, to step upon their own bowels.
 They despise death, and to render it
 terrible, it must assume new forms. I
 had the gift of inventing new modes of
 dying. It was I who contriv'd the pil-
 lar round the top of which was fasten'd

iron hooks, on which they who dis-
pleas'd me were thrown from the bat-
lements of a tower. Thus the body,
or some limb, being caught by one of
these, the wretch drank death with
slow draughts, and keenly felt the
pain of dying. I was also the author
of the steel bride, whose murderous
arms opening swift & clasp'd again, still
kill'd in embracing. When crowds of
people prostrated themselves in the dust
before the sacred altars of Mars our
king, the senseless gods could add to de-
ny his divinity, and stoop'd erect with
look compos'd. Mars order'd them
to be crucify'd; but the sun declaring
himself in their favour, withdrew his
light. Mars then fell by an invis-
ible blade, and on the return of the
light, the audacious youths were not
found. A. A. X. I. succeeded to the
throne, under whom I also rul'd, and
made the land of Chus drunk with its
noblest blood. While I was thus se-
parating the vast deeps of the wa-

curing the kingdom to ARAXES, nei-
 ther the dread of death, nor the
 sound of the voice rolling through the
 clouds, which'd my delight in murder;
 for the face disfigured with the agonies
 of death, afforded me the highest plea-
 sure. I could my daily exultations
 extend, and his sons intended to
 leave their robes, and preach to the
 people of CHUS, when I order'd them
 to be sew'd in skins, their father's
 face, but while I was triumphing in
 their affliction, their deluge came,
 and I inspir'd on won saw no man
 but my quiver'd bow, and b'ld
 in Thul spoke the infernal hell, and
 nodding, sink into forgetfulness. I had
 no son with pain'd ear, had heard his
 horrid tale, and then cry'd, Was this
 wretch a man? Or did he come from
 Hell, disguised in this human form, as
 the conceal'd instrument of sorrow?
 O how art the human face
 penetrating the vast depth of the wa-

ters, even to its centre, and in this last collision, left behind several igneous masses of vast extent, torn from it by the earth's powerful attraction. The scene of this second conflict was in the south, opposite the region which had beheld the first; but the ark was in the northern sea, and NOAH felt it carry'd with rapidity towards the south, where the attractive comet having drawn the waters into swelling mountains, the northern deep run'd thither with swiftest motion, and with no less velocity return'd, when the waters freed from the comet's draught, again overspread the tracks, from which they had been drawn. At this crisis, the protecting seraph, withdrew not his eye from the ark.

Now numberless clouds, big with rain, discharg'd themselves on the earth, and were instantly replaced by others, penetrating the vast depth of the wa-

brought by the obedient winds. Nine-
 ty times the day descended from the
 Heavens, loaded with fresh clouds,
 from the spoils of the comet, in this its
 second approach, which now proceed-
 ed towards Arcturus, to pursue a course
 of ages; winding round innumerable
 stars, through an excentric curve of in-
 tricate immensity, with rapidity towards
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RAPHAEL explains to NOAH the prophetic paintings, and he reveals them to MELECAH and his children. JAPHETH dreams that he is in the world of souls, and is entertain'd with a general history of his offspring. The dreadful vision of THAMAR. The flood begins to retire into the caverns of the earth, and mountains of amazing height are form'd. The land gradually appears, and soon becomes cloathed with verdure, on seeing which DEBORAH utters a song of praise. HAM observing, that the axis of the earth is chang'd, foretells that it will produce various seasons, and SHEM concludes from the earth being now compos'd of heterogeneous parts, that it will be less prolific, and the life of man reduced to a shorter date.

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DURING months of gloomy and
unpleasant days, was NOAH'S
family confined within the
narrow compass of the floating ark,
with the beasts of the field, and the
fowls of heaven, unequal and dull
companions for thinking beings, yet
they spread not the least cloud on the
countenances of its inhabitants, nor

did the time fly with heavy wing. Their miraculous preservation in the ark, and their employments in it, were powerful motives to acquiescence, to joy. God, in preference to the whole race of mankind, had confer'd on them, the honour of being the guardians of the terrestrial creation: they were agents under that wise and gracious Being who sees and disposes all things, and confiding in His unerring wisdom, what should disturb them? For, tho' surrounded by the flood, they were not secluded from an intercourse with Heaven. Thus liv'd the exil'd PHILOCLES on a mountain, the favourite recess of the virtuous GALLUS, passing years of serenity, without even a transient cloud of melancholy. With inward pleasure he observ'd the success of his medicinal skill in the recovery of those who were sinking into the grave; to the agonizing grief of the inconsolable wife, he restor'd the husband, and to afflicted

parents their children; he even rescu'd those from death, whom his generous aid had fill'd with malignant envy. Far from the walk of science, he practis'd the sanative art, contented that Providence, by his means, preserv'd the laborious cottagers.

RAPHAEL in his frequent visits to NOAH, had not conceal'd from him the history of the earth, and its inhabitants; and to mitigate the concern of that patriarch and his sons, explain'd to them the beautiful paintings which adorn'd the ark; mentioning the men, the hills and rivers, by those names his descendants should in future ages affix to them. Before the angelic painter, the ETERNAL had display'd the principal circumstances, He had foreseen would attend the life of the great REDEEMER, and those were here display'd in the most beautiful and striking manner, in order to relieve and elevate the

minds of the inhabitants, during their solitary confinement.

NOAH did not long conceal the history of the angelic work, from MICHAEL, his sons, and their wives: they absorb'd in pleasure, hung on his lips, while he decypher'd the events express'd in each compartment. Rapt into the blissful time of the SAVIOUR'S appearance, represented in the most lively manner to their view, they forgot the terrors of the flood, and the delights of Eden. Transported with ecstasy at his recital, their eyes shone like those of ADAM, when led by MICHAEL up the mountain, he saw before him the ways of mankind, his descendants, in gradual succession to the latest times: the film caus'd by the deceptive fruit, being first remov'd from his sight. How were their hearts inflam'd with devotion at hearing that the godlike person, who, in the first compartment, was

praying on the side of a mountain, was
 their SAVIOUR.
 Other and very different sensations,
 far from these, sweet, soothing and di-
 vine, fill'd the minds of NOAH, on his
 describing the hideous forms in the se-
 cond compartment, where the infernal
 powers, foes to God and man, sat in
 horrible divan; exalted was SATAN their
 chief, and on the steps of his throne, as of
 rank and might superior to the count-
 less multitude below, was ADAM-
 LECH and MOLOCH, BELIAL and MA-
 GOE, all of whom, with frantic im-
 piety, conspir'd the death of the Di-
 vine SAVIOUR of man.
 There, continu'd the patriarch, point-
 ing to another compartment, are the
 MEDIATOR'S twelve attendants, cho-
 sen by him, in the days of his incarna-
 tion. They are diligently seeking him
 in the dark, at the foot of mount OLI-

yet, while he is sitting in a sepulchre with JOHN, his favourite disciple, revolving the sublime mystery, the inconceivable plan of mercy, that the SON of the ETERNAL should suffer death for the human race. See DEBORAH, how this disciple's refin'd soul, shines in his graceful look. He who is ranging the wood with impatient eye and contracted brow, will be called SIMON PETER. Observe HAM, what a warm heart glows in that face. The figure near him, who will have the name of ANDREW, is his brother, and the other, that stands by, with such an open and friendly air, will be named PHILIP, whose lips, when he speaks, will drop honey. He who full of solicitude is going up the hill among the cedars, will be call'd JAMES. That person, whose head is cover'd with silver locks, will have the name of BARTHOLOMEW; observe his countenance, which is expressive of all that is great

and good. There are all the sons of
 sanctity, ennobled by the purest virtue;
 and all of them preserve an inviolable
 affection to their Lord and Saviour.
 That robust figure, with raven locks
 coming down the hill, will be call'd
 Judas, and he, who from that cavern,
 leers at him, is the prince of Hell,
 meditating his ruin. Alas! one of my
 descendants will betray the MESSIAH!
 Here the patriarch sigh'd, and was
 silent.
 THAMAR fearing that grief would
 induce him to break off his narrative,
 said; Dear father, let us dwell no longer
 on that wretched man; but explain to us
 who are the other five; particularly he
 who seems to faint, while angels are
 hast'ning to his relief.
 NOAH, willing to gratify the curiosi-
 ty of the affectionate THAMAR, an-
 swer'd, That is LEBBEUS, who though

related to JUDAS, in nothing resembles him; he is of a mild and gentle disposition, and such is the tenderness of his heart, that he has a tear for every woe. Two nights being past since he saw the SAVIOUR, he fears, lest his rancorous persecutors have slain him, and he shall never see him more.

Thus spake the patriarch, while his sympathizing heart affected the accents of his voice, which to his attentive hearers imparted like sensations, kindling in them an impatient thirst for hearing more, which NEWMAN'S successive narratives only serv'd to increase. When diverted by necessary employments, the patriarch intermitted his relations, they held delightful converse on the interesting events, while their elevated hearts affecting their speech, their dips overflow'd with eloquence.

BOOK XII. IN IOCAH. 1081

On joyful days of futurity, said De-
borah, which shall irradiate the life of
the incarnate MEDIATOR! How blessed
must be the twelve disciples, who shall
see him in his human form, and hear
the sacred sublimity of his discourse!
Worthy are they of such felicity.
How my heart exults that he will
meet with such faithful friends! O
that I could see those days, when the
bless'd REDEEMER shall appear in the
garb of humiliation!

THEM answer'd, Deep and wide is
the gulph that lies between our times
and the appointed days of salvation,
and the passage to it is precluded by the
boundaries set to our earthly life. This,
dear spouse, is a felicity reserv'd for thine
offspring. I know your hearts, my
dear brothers, are too noble to envy
me the honour, that the MESSIAH will
condescend to receive his human form
from one of my descendants. In this

glorious hope, I am justify'd by the blessing of SIFHA, who said that from me a more excellent people should arise, chosen and sanctify'd to the service of God; to instruct them, prophets and priests should be sent, and at last the REDEEMER, who by His perfect obedience should fulfil all righteousness. If the MESSIAH be my son, he will be related to you; nay, he will be the affectionate brother of all the human race; for the good SIFHA added, that in Him all the various nations and languages of the peopled earth, shall rejoice and be bless'd.

HAM reply'd, That our REDEEMER shall deign to receive his human body from thy issue, opposes our most warm and passionate wishes, for who would not covet the glorious title of Father of the SAVIOUR? But far from envying, we entertain the higher regard for him, whom the SAVIOUR will

so highly distinguish as to term him fa-
ther, condescending at the same time
to be our kinsman and brother. But
will that more excellent people of thy
progeny, whom God shall more parti-
cularly choose, sanctify and instruct
for his service, be those that will not
know the MEDIATOR, when conver-
sant among them, and will not open
their eyes to see the BLESSED OF THE
LORD?

SHAM again'd; answer'd with a look
of confusion and concern, Justly hast
thou, O HAM, by this recollection,
check'd my pride at an undeserv'd
preference. Surely where the divine
glory shines, there can be no blind-
ness.

The following night a celestial intel-
ligence stood before the bed of JA-
SMYN whose mind had been entap-
tur'd by the great events he had heard
of.

describ'd, and form'd a brilliant vision
 of the manners and transactions of the
 Nations that were to descend from him.
 Charm'd with the glorious view of
 what he had seen, he awak'd in an ex-
 cess of joy, and hasten'd to communicate
 his pleasure to his brothers and their
 fair spouses.

As I was in the night, said he, ex-
 tending my ideas to posterity, and il-
 luminating on the numberless people who
 were to descend from me, their tem-
 pers, arts and customs, I fell asleep,
 and suddenly found myself in a plain,
 profusely adorn'd with flowers; streams
 clearer than crystal water'd the luscious
 soil, and a grove laden with all the
 rich exuberance of autumn, spread along
 the sloping hills, receiving the morn-
 ing's gemblight. There multitudes of
 souls beyond all number, cut the air in
 wanton flight, or play'd on the leaves
 and flowers, but incapable of reflection,

their powers being merely confin'd to sensation. I thought that hereafter, when incorporated, they should tread the world's conspicuous stage, and then from sensation rise to thought, be capable of study, and of investigating the several objects convey'd to them through their senses. In the mean time, they were not without some resemblance of the human form; but too minute to be discern'd by the naked eye of man. I had quitted my body, and in their form, saw them with the eyes of the soul, and like them flew with wings of light, from flower to flower. While I was mingling in their sportiveness an aërial form, invest'd with celestial radiance, presented himself before me, and thus spake.

JAPHETH, by a singular favour, thou art readmitted into the residence of the souls of men before their birth. Here with a faint consciousness of ex-

presence, they wait, till a celestial spirit calls them to the earth, to animate the body assign'd them. From hence it was that ADOWA summon'd thee to receive a body from NOAH; but the place thou no longer remember'st; a portion given thee on thy entrance into this earthly frame, eras'd the bright ideas. All the unborn thou see'st here shall derive their bodies from thee, thy sons, and their generations, who shall form states and monarchies; for from them shall the earth be cover'd with mighty nations, who having lost all ideas of their origin, shall be strangers to each other; and enemies contending in bloody wars for mutual extinction; some subduing others, and soon themselves receiving the yoke of a superior power: In laws, manners, and arts, as various as in their number. Among thy descendants some characters will be strongly mark'd, and evidently distinguish'd from the lineage of SIN.

and H. M. M. Among these generous
breasts shall glow with such ardour for
liberty as to acknowledge no sovereign
but one who governs by right and
equity, while they with hardy bodies
and intrepid souls, accomplish works
of toil and danger. These are the pro-
duce of the northern part of this globe,
where the body, harden'd by the rude
climate, shall invigorate the mind.
Then shall they issue into the relax'd
south, to break its chains, and make
its tyrants know, that nature having
given to all one form, and equal pow-
ers, reason does not subject one man to
another, except where obedience is
productive of greater happiness. Thus,
if the south often feels their conquer-
ing arms, it will only be to destroy the
unnatural yoke of tyranny. In ages
more remote, while the servile world
will crouch to kings, the north perse-
vering in its regard to freedom, will
have kings, who shall rule over the

brave and free, shall be friends to liberty, and pride themselves in listening to her dictates. The south will not be without its heroes, but the north will be the nurse of freedom: thither will repair literature and skill, with the festive groupe of sciences, to dwell in the temple of liberty: far from the princes who know no law but their will. The comparative sterility of the north, will teach its inhabitants the arts of agriculture, and social commerce, the parent of wealth, whose steps are follow'd by the arts. Commerce, instead of confining itself within the narrow bounds of the neighbouring countries, will extend to the farthest parts of the earth, and beyond the seas discover countries, abounding in men, beasts, birds and plants, conceal'd from the rest of the habitable globe; though alike springing from ancestors, sav'd in the floating ark. Thou seest by yonder stream three glittering souls,

they will, in different ages, be invested
in human bodies: one of these shall
without fear range through the watery
waste, directing his course by the
power of a black fossile of mysterious
virtue, naturally pointing to the
north; the other will give to float-
ing vessels such a form, that they
shall continue their course, under all
the variations of the wind. The third,
encourag'd by these inventions, will
discover a new continent, a tract of
land that may be term'd another world.
Not far from them, behold the soul
that will animate the body of a mo-
narch, who will then boast that the
globe was desirous of extending his
domain. How great might he be,
would he follow the direction of Pro-
vidence! would he know the immense
good he might perform to his golden
countries in a distant land; would he
teach them by winning examples, the
wisdom and charity of Christianity,

instead of suffering fell superstition,
 with its murderous claws to be let loose
 loose upon them: would he break the
 chains of the slave, and not reduce
 the free to bondage: would he in-
 stead of exterminating whole nations,
 put a stop to the phrenzy of offering
 human victims! But that soul, whose
 feet sit on a beautiful rannunculus,
 will be fill'd with humanity; he will
 reconcile arm'd foes; inculcate the
 gentle offices of benevolence, and dis-
 fuse happiness around him. Others
 there are who will uphold the dignity
 of human nature. Observe him who
 is walking among the tulips; he will
 rule a nation, and owe his sovereignty
 solely to his wisdom: he will set their
 minds free: he will bind in fetters the
 lawless desires and unruly appetites of
 man: not by penalties, but by the
 celestial flame of benevolence, which
 shall kindle in their hearts, and burn-
 ing there with purest light, in private

and grows more and more

they shall be the same, as before the
world's curious and prying eye. These
silvers shall be exclud'd as the source of
avarice, from thence shall be banish'd
all eager desires to amass superfluous
treasures, by Nature wisely conceal'd,
and deep in her bowels hid from man.
That hand which hangs in a cluster on
the aloes bloom, deserves thy notice.
They first will employ their care to heal
the wounds given to the human race,
by the conquerors of a new discover'd
world; they will seek the timid people
in the woody wilds, planted by Na-
ture's hands, to instruct them in agri-
culture and the worship of the Most
High: Glorious indeed would be
their fame, were not the motive of
these actions, apparently so good, the
desire of rule: but he well deserves to
rule, who in any nation establishes
Happiness; that fair emigrant, who in
every age, will rove through every
clime, and fixes her abode among his

subjects: but how small will be the
 number of those who use aright their
 power. Among these fragrant shrubs
 I see a numerous train of those who
 calling themselves the successors of one
 of the disciples of the REDEEMER, will
 add to their spiritual armour the murder-
 ing steel, and breaking down the bound-
 aries which reason, the laws of nature
 and everlasting truth shall raise between
 the church and state, the priest and prince,
 will put the sceptre in sacerdotal hands;
 reduce sovereigns to ignominious servi-
 tude; and kings will lay their crowns
 at the feet of him who, with dissimbled
 humility, will call himself the repre-
 sentative of a disciple of the meek and
 gracious SAVIOUR, and the servant of
 the servants of CHRIST. Even the
 sons of probity and virtue, seduced by
 their suggestions; mistaking absurdity
 for truth, and cruelty for religion, will
 shake of their allegiance to worthy
 princes, and from mere piety extirpate

With attentive ear to the answer

and lay waste the nations: sword and
fire will they use, to propagate the
knowledge of Him who is All-merciful
and All-gracious, while they them-
selves will by their lives contradict the
doctrines they teach. But before these
transactions many successive ages shall
pass away.

Thus the prophetic angel related to
me the history of my posterity. I heard
him with silent astonishment, and with
ecstasy beheld the souls fluttering from
the violet to the orange, and from
the orange to the anemone. While we
wander'd through the flowery garden of
the unborn, from the tops of the hills
descended the grey twilight; the golden
day was succeeded by the silver moon,
and soon after all these splendid objects,
with the communicative angel, vanish'd,
and I awoke.

JARVETH's spouse, with her sisters,
listen'd with attentive ear to the amaz-

ing narrative. How agreeable the sight thou hast beheld! said THAMAR, the objects must have been singular, beyond conception. Oh that some kind angel would also transport me to that newly discover'd region of souls. If to an angel my brother owes the sight. But perhaps his mind, being inflamed by our father's narrative, might only dream of such brilliant appearances. Yet with what delight should I view these diminutive souls, with all their distinguishing features, flitting from flower to flower! How different are these enchanting scenes of innocent amusement from the sordid occupations, in which they will be engag'd, when cloath'd by the body: but very far am I from wishing to see those days, over which night will throw her gloomy mantle.

HAM, with dubious mind thus address'd JAPHETH: Thy dream is thick

set, with wonders, But these are common in dreams: What appears most surprizing, is the seraph's prediction. Can any thing be more strange than that in the distant ages of the world, when our blood shall have pass'd through thousand generations, new Chusites should cross the ocean, to countries unknown, in search of new inhabitants, whom they should massacre in the woods: That instead of one DAGON, there shall be a hundred high priests, who shall dart their thunder against the thrones of monarchs. Hitherto I had imagin'd such manners could only belong to the lawless wretches who have now perish'd in the flood. In those remote ages, will not the vices of the former be extinguish'd? Surely they will: for the MEDIATOR will then have added to the faint light of reason, the irradiations of divine truth.

S H E M judg'd less hastily of JA-
PHETH'S vision, Our brother's dream,

said he, though thick set with wonders,
may be fraught with truth. HAM
will not allow that the vices of those
who have just perish'd, can possibly
take place in the new world. Alas,
fain would I think like him; but I
cannot help fearing, that even the
latest ages will also produce their MA-
GOGS, that new DAGONS may again
blast the throne, with sacerdotal thun-
der, and other PURNIEES with frantic
impiety, assault the Heavens, or bid
the son plunge his sword into his fa-
ther's breast. If man just come from
the CREATOR'S forming hand, could
in much more will they of later
birth, they who are a thousand ages
distant from the Creation! How
dreadful is the thought, that the very
nation consecrated to God, will turn
aside from the right path, and with
implacable hatred pursue, not only the

holy prophets, but even the great, the
benevolent, the divine MESSIAH!

The next night THAMAR had also
a vision, but how different from that
she had wish'd to behold! Many tears
did it cost her, and the ensuing morn-
ing she with weeping eyes, thus re-
lated what she had seen. I was sitting
in an arbour, said she, in a mournful
voice, and before me a strange sort of
people were rudely dancing to the pipe
and timbrel: they were quite naked,
and their skins of a shining black,
their hair was woolly, like that of the
lamb; their noses flat, and their lips
large: these paying me homage, call'd
me mother, and I felt my breast fill'd
with tenderness for them. In the midst
of their diversion, a lofty ship steer'd to
land, and out of it came white men,
cloth'd from head to foot, carrying in
their hands, glittering arms, out of
which came fire, which thundering

kill'd at a distance. From this ship, they also brought a liquor, of which, whoever drank, lost his reason, and became regardless of all the ties of nature: for this liquor friends sold their friends, husbands their wives, and even fathers their sons, whom the white men drove in flocks to their ship, to transport them far from that beloved land, where their eyes first saw the light. Oh the agony of the disconsolate creatures, at seeing their mother country lessening to their sight! they pour'd out their lamentations to Heaven, and to their new masters, while their wailings pierc'd my heart. With furious grief I cry'd from the desert shore, ye sons of the fell tyger, to what barbarous coast do ye carry my sons and daughters, born free, and by your curs'd fraud taken from their infatuated parents? inhuman artifice! under the colour of friendship, ye give them a baleful potion, and then while delirious, rob

them of what they hold most dear. We cannot be of NOAH's lineage; but from the infernal tyrant, ye are sure descended.

Thus I vented my complaints, while the treacherous wretches only laugh'd at me; but soon one call'd from the floating vessel, Say 'st thou that we are not descended from NOAH, first prove that these woolly-headed negroes, who call thee mother, and whom thou ownest for thy children, are descended from ADAM; white was the beautiful colour in which he was created, and from him NOAH and all his offspring deriv'd their complexion; that is the human colour, black is the emblem of Hell. Can a pure soul be lodg'd in a form so dark? No, these negroes were like the beasts, only made for the service of the whites.

While I was lamenting, the ship
pas'd out of sight, when methought
two wings grew at my feet, on which
I ascended into the air, and after a long
pursuit, reach'd the coast, where the
black captives were openly sold for a
price much less than was given for a
fine horse. There the fate of the young
and old, was to toil at mills, or to dig
in rocky mines: they were expos'd to
cruel stripes: they were scourg'd from
the mere wantonness of cruelty, and
all their offspring were doom'd to the
same misery. Affected at the sight, I
awoke in tears, and still is my fancy so
impress'd with the sight, that I cannot
refrain from weeping.

She ended, and HAM smiling an-
swered, With what strange images,
with what impossibilities does Imagina-
tion teem, when Reason, lock'd up in
sleep, resigns her superiority! With what
festal pomp does she ascend the throne

of Truth, and there with mimic sport,
 personates the white robe'd queen. She
 throws forms, features and colours in
 some thousand different changes, and
 sometimes weaves a long connected
 sue of idle phantoms. Shee hat then thy
 tears, O THAMAR, about such nothings,
 about the idle visions of the night. Thy
 tears to me are precious, learn to place
 a higher value on them.

THAMAR reply'd, the misery represented
 by THAMAR's vision, in which the peo-
 ple forget the endearing names of wife, of
 son, of friend, of brother; this extinction
 of reason by a fatal potion; these crea-
 tures form'd after the image of God,
 thrust into the depth of hollow moun-
 tains may be reserv'd in the womb of fu-
 turity, and may one day come to pass.
 The woes of the first world, will de-
 scend to the inhabitants of the future
 earth; for all born of woman, are
 the children of pain and sorrow; and

from themselves arise the greatest part of their afflictions. Calamity falls not on the riotous multitude alone, brought on by their own excesses; temperance itself cannot preserve from disease and death, and affliction will visit innocence. Our offspring shall be a prey to sin and sorrow, yet amidst these considerations, it is a ravishing reflection, that from us multitudes shall arise, who will adore the MOST HIGH, and by the sanctity of their lives, obtain even here a blessed foretaste of the heavenly felicity. Let us then rejoice in this thought, and not sink under the painful idea, that we shall, on the other hand, be the fathers of a wretched race, blind to reason, blind to the calls of duty, and the obligations of religion. God has sent down Truth from above, holding in her left hand, the pleasures and allurements of this world, and in her right, the sublime joys of that which is to come. The good man chooses

those that are above, and despises the
vain and fleeting delights of sense, which
vanish in the possession, and carry with
them a sting that shall pierce through
the very soul.

Thus, close as their confinement
was, their busy minds never wanted
suitful matter of speculation and dis-
course.

Now had the atmosphere empty'd
all its watery stores: its clouds were
exhausted, and a lucid serenity, spread
through the air. Over the earth, the
water was smoothly expanded like a
transparent mantle. The pyramids and
hills, the bounds prescrib'd to the de-
sage were cover'd, but soon the ETER-
NAL deliver'd the earth from the fet-
ters, with which it was bound, and ex-
pos'd it to the chearing ray, calling
from the seedy turf, verdant plants and
herbage, salutary aliments for man and

beauty. The bosom of the globe, after this
long pressure, elastic rose as an inflated
ball, in all parts forming vast reservoirs
within its bowels. Thus under the bro-
ken shell of the earth, were formed in-
numerable basins for receiving oceans of wa-
ter. In some parts, swelling high, tower-
ing mountains rose from under the water
and in strange shapes, with pointed sum-
mits and craggy sides, projected above
the liquid plain. The divine voice re-
sounded in the abyss, and floated along
the floods; an universal sub prevailing;
on all sides, the earth absorbed the in-
undation; by mouths innumerable,
opened to engulf the waters, and re-
ceive them in her wide cavernous bow-
els. Not rapid was the floods decline,
it retreated slow; for the mighty wa-
ters requir'd weeks and months to retire,
without tumult, into their profound re-
servoirs; but though with gentle steps,
they enter'd these subterranean steep,
the surface of the water, during this

amazing ebb, remain'd not always un-
 ruffled; once the ark felt a sudden
 shock, thro' every part so violent, that the
 inhabitants could scarce keep their feet.
 At first they apprehended, that their man-
 sion had struck on some hidden rock; but
 they still found themselves safe on the
 watery base. Day after day, the sky and
 sea were all they saw, yet with wonder,
 they observ'd in both, a daily change.
 Now the sun, with every cloud remov'd,
 shone on the smooth expanse, and burnt
 with glowing beams the sulphur and ni-
 tre, which wrapt in the comet's vapours,
 fermented, and form'd a raging ebulliti-
 on, thence arose an inflam'd air, flashing
 lightnings, rolling thunders, destructive
 hurricanes, and whirlwinds; such as
 have never since been heard or seen.
 Ten times would the storms have
 shatter'd the ark, had not RAPHAEL
 by the power given him by the Most
 High, kept it secure, or with angelic ra-

where it remain'd secure from the flood-
 plicity, outstripping the wings of the bel-
 lowing winds, averted their rage.

Of when the storm sweeping the
 waves, rais'd their tops high in the air,
 Had NOAH's family beheld beautiful
 objects, the more surprizing as before
 unknown; for then the rays of light
 playing through the thin translucent
 watery sheets, form'd magnificent bows
 painted with the colours of Iris, bright-
 ness softly mix'd the various tints of
 seven-fold light. Not seldom they saw
 at the blaze of noon twenty or thirty of
 these resting on the flood, and stretch-
 ing their horns towards the heavens.

Nine times the space of a day had
 the flood, with insensible pace, retir'd
 within the earth, when RAPHAEL per-
 ceiving a mountain, that rear'd its head
 almost to the surface of the water, with
 cautious steerage, guided the ark thi-
 ther, and plac'd it on the solid peak,

where it remain'd secure from the fluctuating waves. This done, he withdrew into his ethereal pavilion, where for some days he continu'd to watch the flood, and guard the ark. NOAH, soon sensible of the fix'd situation of that vessel, examin'd the depth of the water, and found it only three feet. The ark had not long rested on its solid support, when he perceiv'd round fragments of rocks, which continually projecting, soon environ'd the mighty edifice. By degrees the water subsided from the upper parts of the earth, which in proportion, seem'd to rise from the surface, while a rapid tide, frequently streaming between them, join'd the other seas. Soon the ark appear'd fix'd in a shallow bay, one end of which extended to it, while the other parts of the vast structure stood on the dry earth. An extensive prospect now open'd, of seas raging among the rocks, and the bellowing surges lashing the

new form'd shores. NOAH from his
safe harbour, surveying the flood, dis-
cover'd many dark spots irregularly
plac'd rise prominent above the agita-
ted waves, and continually enlarging
their surface.

The ground about the ark was not a
naked soil, black and despoil'd of all
verdure: instead, of plants, it was
strew'd with shells of strange and vari-
ous forms, the dwellings of suitable in-
habitants, left by the ebb on the sandy
land, and in many places with these
the earth appear'd inland. Some trees
indeed were standing, but scarce were
they to be known; half thrown down,
rent and bare.

This dreary scene, was, however,
of short duration, for in the soil were
preserv'd invisible seeds, which che-
rish'd by the solar beams, shot up in
verdant spires, between the shells:

fresh sap impregnated the trees, and
 their boughs were soon cover'd with
 opening buds. The ravish'd eye then
 saw the changing earth, again vesting
 herself in her mantle of cheerful green.
 With what raptures did the gladden-
 ing sight fill NOAH's rejoicing family!
 To those eyes which during successive
 months had never seen the earth, the
 ground now appear'd a Paradise. As a
 native of ethereal Alps, when in a lower
 and more cloudy clime, faintly breath-
 ing, longs with restless ardour for her
 native home, on coming within view of
 Camor or Santus, his impatient joy is
 shewn in every frolic gesture: thus at
 the sight of the long immers'd land,
 exulted the youthful pairs, and thus
 enamour'd were they with the earth,
 their native soil from which the human
 species came, and to which they will
 return. Hence in rapturous praise,
 DEBORAH rais'd her soft melodious
 voice.

Prais'd be the Lord, who has preserv'd mankind, among the perilous waters! prais'd be the God of our fathers, who has deliver'd us from the depth of death! O praise the Preserver of men! Our family alone has He sav'd, and from it shall arise innumerable nations. Him will I praise whose power has releas'd the earth from the overwhelming flood, under which it lay imprison'd. Behold! He cloaths it anew with cheerful green, while flowery fields, and verdant groves, prepare a delightful habitation for our descendants. All others of the human race hath God bury'd in the deep, which at His command rush'd upon them: alas! they sunk like stones. It is He who created the frightful star which cast a shade on the smiling morn; and hid the radiance of noon in midnight gloom. He spake, and the stars, which in the evening rise in the sky, suddenly vanish'd, veil'd in the dark.

not of two-fold might, O GOD ! ter-
rible is the power of thine arm ! thou
hast hurl'd instantaneous rain on the
host of rebels, who leagu'd with SA-
TAN, impiously defy'd Thy power. By
the breath of Thy nostrils thou ga-
ther'dst together the waters, which
rising at Thy command overspread the
earth. Where then were the idols of
the nations ? Why did they not appear
in defence of their trembling worship-
pers ? Thou, O ETERNAL ! hast pre-
fer'd on the waters the few, despis'd
by the people, and who call on Thy
name. In a dwelling of boards, hast
thou brought them from the former
destroy'd earth, into that which thou
art now raising from the deep, and
when thou hast driven the waters from
the ground, thou wilt manifest thy
power and goodness in bringing us
down among yon inviting plains,
where myriads of tribes shall descend
from us ; pay thee a more holy wor-

ship, and seeing the wonders Thou
hast perform'd for their forefathers, will
reverence Thy holy name, which
the least of the women shall
which cover'd it with darkness.

Praise God, who has preserv'd man-
kind in the ark; who gave it into
charge to the benevolent angel, whose
mighty arm secur'd it amidst the waves
and assailing storms. The Most High
cover'd the earth with the deep as with
a garment. The waters arose above
the mountains, but fled at the rebuke
of the Lord: they withdrew at the
roar of His thunder. The mountains
shoot up their towering heads, the
plains at their feet wait for the recess
of the waters: to them the Almighty
has assign'd limits, and these their im-
petuous waves shall not transgress.

Praise God, who has preserv'd man-
kind in the ark; who has fix'd the pil-
lars on which the earth is supported;
who has inclos'd the sea as with gates;

who lately open'd them; and it issu'd
forth as a child from the womb. Over
the sea, he wove a mantle of clouds,
which cover'd it with darkness. En-
quiry of Him for He alone can tell,
how the vast sea rested on the over-
whelm'd earth, and by what way it re-
turn'd again to its chambers.

Thus sang SHEM's devout spouse,
the delivering God, in strains sub-
lime taught her, by the seraphic
muse.

Daily they look'd down on the wide
expanse of waters; with pleasing won-
der they beheld the enlarging spots
rising up to hills of various forms, with
herbage and flowers, a pleasing cover-
ing; for the destroying blasts had
ceas'd, and the eye unmolested rov'd
over the variegated prospect. To other
regions God had driven the tem-
pest; but soon it return'd with fresh

collected clouds, which extending themselves wide over the sea, intercepted their view. Now, from their lofty height, they beheld the storm raging below, heard the thunder roll, and saw serpentizing flashes darting from the clouds beneath their feet.

In the upper region, where the ark lay in its safe receptacle, the sky was clear and serene, and the joyful inhabitants removing the coverings from its windows, enjoy'd the genial sun and cooling breeze. KERENHAPUCH had sav'd her favourite carnation from the general ruin; and having plac'd it on a shelf, it bloom'd with flowers of various hues; but how greatly was she delighted, when in the vase in which she had plac'd it, she also perceiv'd a shoot, from which, with progressive luxuriance, issu'd various stalks which in a few days spread the roof with fragrant jessamine.

Book XI. N O A H.

Now when he was viewing the heavens in a clear star-bespangled night, he perceived that the axis of the earth was remov'd some degrees back from the sun's path. At first it stood not so oblique, though before the earth had been already mov'd, and turn'd aslant. Then he saw the Pleiades in the north, which he had been used to see shining near the gate of the morning. This he communicated to his brothers.

Events little-desireable, said he, are at hand; henceforth during the first months of the prolific spring, the earth will not rejoice in its flowery surface, and darkness will longer withhold the reviving day. Cold will in one part be intolerable, and in the other heat. Autumn from the north, will introduce a severe winter; and in the midst of summer, heat shall come from the south fatal to man and beast. Thus there

will be different seasons; and which we must give different names. I also observe the air charg'd with nitrous and sulphureous vapours: these are doubtless the produce of the late overwhelming flood; and will be the seeds of tempests.

SEMI answer'd, This and still more may probably come to pass; for no small change awaits the body of the late beautiful earth, not only in its outward figure, of which from these windows we already see many wonderful instances in the number and height of the mountains, but in its inward substance and texture, which macerated, detach'd and conjoin'd by the all-penetrating flood, must needs be a mixture of heterogeneous parts, big with noxious influences on the air and the vegetables; but it is my comfort that I foresee many benefits arising from

this change, and when the earth, no longer indulging his sloth, of man, shall require assiduous labour to supply his wants, and when, in a more turbid day, he shall find a shorter term appointed him below, he will no longer devise evil from the want of employment, and the prospect of a future state being nearer, will probably have a greater effect on his mind.

This also, said HAM, I have already consider'd. The CREATOR'S laws are not confin'd to single parts, but relate to the whole. Matter in its course and motion follows the rules impos'd on it, with all the precision correspondent to its nature; this is limited, nothing created being infinite. The creation of God never deviates from the Divine will, not amidst the devastations of earthquakes, nor when the impetuous storm

swells into rolling mountains the waters of the abyfs. After this change in the earth produc'd by the ravaging flood, tempefts may become neceffary to the air and fea, left for want of motion, they fhould produce putrid exhalations, which overfpreading the land, would fow difeafes among its pining inhabitants : this would furely be the cafe did clouds never fill the atmofphere, did the thunder never fhake, and the lightning divide them, and did no mighty winds agitate the air and fea.

THE END OF THE ELEVENTH BOOK.

TWELVTH BOOK

NOAH

THE ARGUMENT.

RAPHAEL visits NOAH's family for the last time in the ark, array'd in his celestial splendor. He departs to convey some of the inhabitants of a sinless world to Heaven : but first acquaints the women that they shall bear twins. THAMAR and KERENHAPUCH on finding themselves pregnant praise the LORD. NOAH sends forth a raven, and afterwards a dove. He leaves the ark. NOAH directs SHEM to descend the mountain, in order to find the country represented in the sacred paintings. The three sisters bring forth twins. NOAH blesses them. SHEM's journey to the land of Canaan, with a description of the country after the flood. He enters a pyramid where he finds a writing describing the destruction of ASHOD and his children by famine. He is met on mount Nebo by RAPHAEL, who points out the places that will be distinguish'd by the MESSIAH. SHEM returns, and conducts NOAH, MIREAH, with his brothers and sisters to the promis'd land. The women on their arrival hail the country. NOAH offers a sacrifice, and receives an assurance that the earth would never more be destroy'd by water, as a testimony of which the rainbow appears. NOAH pours forth his gratitude, and at length builds a house on mount Sion.

THE ARK

RAPHAEL was Noah's family for the last time in the ark, array'd in his celestial splendor. He deigns to convey some of the inhabitants of a higher world to Heaven: but first he opens the door of the ark, and acquaints the women that they shall bear children. They and their husbands, on the first of the month, praise the Lord.

NOAH

Intercession for the world, and afterwards a description of the ark, which Noah built, and the manner of its construction, in order to find the most proper place for it, and the manner of its construction.

BOOK XII.

After the ark is built, Noah is directed to the land of Canaan, where he is to build an altar, and offer sacrifices to the Lord.

SINCE the ark had been seated on lofty Ararat, far so posterity nam'd the mountain on which it rested, the moon had more than once renew'd its course round the earth. The water

was now withdrawn from the foot of the mountain, which evidently appeared to Noah from the increased depth of the air. At a great distance he beheld eminences and naked trees, while the summit of the

was now withdrawn from the foot of the mountain, which evidently appeared to Noah from the increased depth of the air. At a great distance he beheld eminences and naked trees, while the summit of the

mountain, gladden'd his eyes with various flowers, and moss was beginning to cloath the naked rocks. NOAH delay'd opening the door of the ark, though much solicited by the women, who long'd to breathe a freer air; but he cautious, apprehended, that should he open the ark before the waters had entirely left the lower grounds, while the aliments the mountain afforded were few and immature, want would excite quarrels among the beasts, and their number be decreas'd by furious wars; for not one of those creatures would he lose, which God had committed to his care, when all others of the species were involv'd in the general destruction.

The patriarch's sons and daughters acquiescing in this consideration, patiently waited their enlargement, and so acceptable was their acquiescence to the MOST HIGH, that to reward it, RA-

PHAED their benevolent guardian, receiv'd orders to take his leave of this happy family, in familiar and gladdening converse.

NOAH was one evening sitting amidst his affectionate children, in the painted room, with eyes of solemn complacency, viewing the land where God would manifest his presence, the native country of the friends and messengers of the great REDEEMER, and of the future witnesses of his life, chiefly Moriah, Olivet, and Sion's sacred mount. When he who has plac'd us on this eminence, said he, shall have freed the land from the waters, and renew'd verdure shall again adorn the earth, may my steps be directed to the land that will be honour'd with my REDEEMER's presence, that I may end the days of this mortal life, where my incarnate SAVIOUR is to deposite his earthly frame: but difficult will it be for me to find it amidst the

wide extent of mountains, plains and
vallies, unless the Most High, or
His celestial messenger directs my wan-
dering steps.

Noah was still speaking, when sud-
denly the ark, the hill on which it
rested, and the ambient air, were irra-
diated with a splendor like that which
the dawning morn spreads through the
eastern sky; for the archangel sudden-
ly appear'd in the room, not in the dim
form of the mortals he visited, but in ce-
lestial lustre. Yet he had temper'd the
flame of his effulgence, and into their
eyes, insensibly convey'd some drops of
the spring of life, strengthening their
visual organs: thus he appear'd to
ADAM, to warn him against that infer-
nal rebel, who being justly expell'd
from Heaven, impiously projected the
fall of man. RAPHAEL had invested
his divine form with six radiant wings:
the upper from his shoulders extended

mantling over his breast, with regal
magnificence; the middle like a flaring
zone winded round his waist, knitting
his loins and thighs with downy gold,
and colours of celestial dye; the third
part sky-tinctur'd cover'd his legs, and
graceful touch'd the floor. Every mo-
tion of his feathers diffus'd over the
mountain, spicy odours, and every
feature of his divine face, breath'd im-
mortal love. NoAH, in his celestial
lineaments, soon retrac'd the features
off-seen by man in obscure disguise; but
before his astonishment allow'd him
the use of speech, the angel thus be-
gan:

Thy discomposure NoAH, shews
that my celestial appearance does not
excite those pleasing sensations; and
that lively joy, which always shine in
thy countenance on seeing me in my
terrestrial disguise. Pay not more re-
verence to my splendor, nor love me

less than in my obscure appearance :
 else I shall divest myself of this radi-
 ance ; but however I appear, whether
 obscure or resplendent, I am still, O
 NOAH, thy friend, and that of thy fa-
 mily, who stand round thee, and join
 in thy devotions. Pleasing was the or-
 der I receiv'd from the Most High,
 when at the late destruction of all
 things, he made me thy guardian.
 Now my charge is at an end, soon
 will the waters also quit the lower
 parts of the earth ; soon shall it recov-
 er the ornaments of which it has been
 so long despoil'd, and invite thee and
 thy family down from your confines-
 ment. Before I return to Heaven, I
 am permitted to pay a short visit to per-
 sons who are so dear to me, especially
 to the mothers of the future race of
 man. From you shall the world be
 peopled, in greater numbers than be-
 fore the flood, by a hundred times ; ye
 shall all three bring forth twins, each

a male and female, to whom mighty
 nations shall owe their origin.
 O Noah, bowing low, said, Who am
 I, that one of the seven who stand
 before the ETERNAL's throne, should
 deign to descend and hold converse
 with his children of the dust, in that
 resplendant lustre, which even heav-
 enly essences view with admiration. Ne-
 ver could we bear the blaze of such
 effulgence, did not that bounty, which
 has look'd down on us with preserving
 power, strengthen our eyes. Benevo-
 lent hast thou ever been, and exalted
 as thy rank is, the concerns of men
 have always excited thy tenderness,
 even before the tremendous judgment
 of this dreadful deluge. That the ark
 held out against the assaults of the wa-
 ters, that the violence of the wind did
 not shatter its structure, we owe, next
 to the superintending power of the AL-
 MIGHTY, to thy protecting care. Pre-

thy'd by thee, the appointed remains
of the creation survive, and never shall
our tongues cease to speak of thy good-
ness; but in more lofty hymns, will we
extol God our DELIVERER, whose
messenger thou art, and has made thee
His arm to save us. O bountiful Lord,
how great is Thy condescension and Thy
grace, to send to our deliverance one
of the principal archangels, who stand
before Thine august throne. Everlastingly
blest'd be our CREATOR, our PAS-
SERVER, who clothes the hills and
valleys with grain, with plants and
fruit: who is again rendering the
earth a commodious dwelling for our
descendants. But may I entreat thee,
my bright and glorious friend, accord-
ing to thy gracious custom, to rest a
while with man in the ark.

RAPHAEL answer'd, No longer
does the ark want my succour, and
new commands from my SOVEREIGN

require my immediate presence in the
milky way. There dwells a race un-
fallen, their bodies immortal as their
souls, fix'd in congenial innocence,
without sin and blemish, woful legacy
of thy laps'd progenitors. As they
are not depriv'd of the Divine image,
by any transgressions, it is to them in-
conceivable that man, or any of the
world of spirits should ungratefully dis-
obey GOD their CREATOR and gracious
FRIEND, and thus fall from his favour.
The Most High has order'd me to
take a myriad of the immortal bodies
of the most aged, and first dip-
ping them in celestial light, assemble
them before His sublime throne, and
thus introduce them to the blissful re-
gion, where is fulness of joy, and
where their happiness shall be compleat.
But my return will not be long, and
frequently will I converse with you,
throughed, or in my celestial appear-

NEW COMING FROM MY SOVEREIGN

and he said to them, meet me on the top of Nebo.

He ended, and gave the parting salute to the patriarch, to the devout Methuselah, their sons, and daughters. O what fresh roses did the celestial embrace strew on the vernal cheeks of the females! What sublime ideas did it breathe into the minds of all, who shar'd this endearing favour! Ideas worthy the inspirations of a flaming seraph. RAPHAEL departed, but the glow of his effulgence remain'd behind, and gradually decreas'd: as the evening light slowly fades when the sun has sunk behind the western mountains, till succeeded by the regular approach of night; thus at the departure of the angel, the dusky clouds slowly envelop'd the mountain of Ararat. The radiance was then no more, yet ambrosial vapours

long continu'd to fill the ark with en-
livening fragrance.

Animated with the seraph's stife,
N. O. A. H.'s children, now with inf-
anxiety waited their release, which
however retarded, they saw could not
be far distant. The women treasur'd
up in their hearts the words of the an-
gel, that they should bear twins; but
from native modesty conceal'd their
joy, till feeling in their wombs the
prediction of the angel realiz'd, their
exultation was not to be suppress'd;
and their grateful souls gave vent to
their transports in praises to Him
who had made them the mothers of
mankind, and of a better race than
that destroy'd by the deluge.

O my soul, cry'd THAMAR, praise
the LORD OF LIFE, who giveth me
children, on whom I may pour out
those treasures of affection which He

be implanted in my heart, so you
 shall know the sweet satisfaction of eter-
 nall love, when the babe smiles at
 the fond looks of the smiling mother;
 and all those sublime pleasures, which
 parents feel, when they see their
 children walk in the ways of the
 Lord. From me shall a race receive
 life, that shall praise the name of the
 Most High, when this body shall be
 laid in the silent grave. When I am
 no more, and have exchanged this
 earthly state for the joys of Heaven,
 my childhood shall show forth His
 glory among men, and teach the ends
 of the earth to praise and obey their
 CREATOR.

Thus sang THASMAN and KAN-
 HARUCH continued, What we, while
 in Paradise, so impatiently long'd to
 see, troops of youths and maidens,
 lovely as opening roses, the sons
 and daughters of the earth, we shall

now behold their pretty lips,
 their lovely faces and their eyes sparkling
 with love and goodness. From
 us these dear creatures shall be born;
 they will play about us, and looking
 on our affectionate countenances, smile
 with unfeign'd fondness.

Amidst these expectations weeks of
 easy days had pass'd, when NOAH
 concluded that the water had now also
 left the plains. Impervious mists had
 overspread the earth, covering hills
 and dales, while the pure light of the
 azure sky, irradiated the summits of the
 towering mountain. NOAH, in order
 to be ascertain'd, whether the time of
 relief was come, sent forth a raven,
 which with wandering flight, reach'd
 the upper extremity of the mist, thro'
 which his piercing eye discovering the
 shallow stagnated waters, it chang'd
 its course, and flew to the higher lands.
 NOAH, after long waiting its return,

sent out a dove, a more faithful messenger, which returning of itself with fatigue and hunger, the patriarch took it again into the ark; but after its second flight, it brought back the juicy olive's typical branch: this the joyful patriarch receiv'd as a token of peace restor'd to the earth. The third time it return'd no more, God directing its distant track.

Now now concluded that he might without danger, restore to the earth and air, the creatures committed to his care. RAPHAEL unseen had taken off the closing seal from the door, which would otherwise have withstood the efforts of an earthly or even an angelic arm; but NOAH now easily open'd it, and caus'd a bridge to be made from the lower deck to the ground; while, at the command of God, a north wind dispell'd the fog that hover'd over the plains: NOAH

and hidakeling family, notwithstanding at the open day, had before their eyes, the earth so lately dimmed in the devastating floods. From the lofty eminence on which they stood, they with strained eyes, saw below, far distant, broad glittering streams in winding length, especially two which they judg'd to be the Hidakel and Perat, directing their glittering course through sandy wastes. They likewise beheld the ruins of cities, the seats of power and ostentation, with obelisks and pyramids, lying in confus'd destruction, deserted and forsaken by their once crowded inhabitants. As when in Upper Egypt, on the confines of parch'd Abyssinia, pestilential death drains cities and villages, till no farther prey remains, squalid was the appearance of the country after the long calamity it had endured, as when amidst the reign of wintry winter the active sun dispels the frost, and clears the fields of the

melting snow, they still languish under the piercing cold, and the opening buds fear to expose their tender blossoms. But while they were delighted with surveying the boundless expanse, and their minds fill'd with sublime imaginations, the recollection that over all the vast extent, no life existed, and that all animals, from the insect up to man, were destroy'd, brought tears into their eyes.

They now quit their confinement, first the human kind, the lords of the creation: the men and women then, in devout prostration, embrac'd with outstretch'd arms, their kindred earth, for which they had a secret strong attachment, an object dearer as it had been long conceal'd by the deluge. Then sitting down with silent joy, their eyes feast on its renew'd verdure, its springing decorations, and the plants and herbage rising in all their antecedent

various. Near them, on a gentle slope
 of the mountain, stood a grove, which
 spread its new-form'd shade, and thither
 the powerful whispers of nature
 call'd the youths and their fair spouses,
 who, as at a signal, arose, and hasten'd
 to this alluring spot, which offer'd de-
 lights to every sense.

Here KERENHAPUCH thus gave vent
 to her sensations, Hail sweet umbragi-
 ous light, and ye cheering vapours
 from the bosom of our mother earth!
 ye streams of air, gently temper'd with
 quivering shades, how long have I
 miss'd you in the close ark! How long
 have I breath'd confin'd effluvia, and
 been dejected at the roaring winds and
 beating waves! One of my chief sup-
 ports was the hope of once more feeling
 your reviving influences; even when
 far distant, I, with lenient comfort dis-
 cover'd you in our various verdure softens
 the light with gentle shade, and your

delightful odours, then left us in doubt whether we did not rather taste than smell your fragrance. The fields of air then rais'd in me sensations, which I cannot name.

NOAH remain'd alone at the foot of the bridge, to observe the various animals, beasts, insects and reptiles that left the ark in all the order and harmony, with which they had enter'd that peaceful abode. Not one was wanting; the same number of each species, which NOAH counted at their going out, answer'd to his computation at their reception. As the procession pass'd by NOAH, they departed not without signs of gratitude to their careful feeder: the beasts bow'd their necks; the birds clapt their wings; then according to their several natures, sought the gloomy cavern, and lofty cliff, or some tree or bush, which standing the rage of the impetuous

food, now invited them by its renew'd foliage. But most dispers'd themselves among the adjacent plains and eminences cover'd with green pasture. The domestic animals form'd with gentle disposition to live among men, still kept near them, delighted to hear man's voice, and see the human form. They were still tame and tractable, readily performing service to their superior.

Noah now caus'd a tent to be erected in the midst of the mountain, which was to stand till his daughters should be deliver'd of their happy burthens. In the mean time the sun exhal'd the putrid fumes that arose from the swampy vales. Shem, by Noah's direction, was now to descend alone from Ararat's lofty mount, to take a general survey of the new recover'd land, and search for

a commodious habitation; where after
all their dangers and migrations, they
might pass the remainder of their days
in ease and quit. But, O my son, said
the patriarch, carefully remember eve-
ry mark, which in the heavenly paint-
ings, distinguish'd Canaan's sacred
land: towards the south and east, it is
enclos'd by sandy wastes, and a chain
of hills; to the north west alone it is
open; for westward it is bounded by a
shore, which rises as a mound against
the invasions of a spacious lake. On
the northward is the river Jordan,
which rises from two springs; and
flows to the south: within the land
rise Hermon and Tabor, future scenes
of great events; and Carmel, neigh-
bour to the western lake. Above all,
keep in mind the figure of Sion, which
rises in three hills, and the brook Si-
loah, which washes its foot. Nebo
rears its towering head on the eastern
side, and there the archangel has pre-

this d to meet thee; for if thou art not
 guided in thy walk by some celestial
 friend, fruitless will be thy wander-
 ing. Now the daughters draw near to the
 long'd for time, when they were to
 bring forth their first offsprings, and
 their fond imaginations anticipate the
 joys they were to feel from the little
 creatures entering the regions of light.
 They already in imagination smil'd at
 them, with all the effusive transports
 of a mother's love, and prattled to them
 as if present. As in ancient times a
 youth, when his father's steward, who
 had been sent to distant relations, to
 procure him a proper wife, was sup-
 posed to be returning with easy jour-
 nels, every evening repaired to some
 rising ground, that afforded him an ex-
 tensive view of the country, through
 which his wish'd for bride was to
 pass, while fancy adorn'd her with

every beauty, the oval face, the sparkling eye, the rosy cheek, a constellation of charms: such was their precipitate fondness for their babes: though yet unborn, they had already twin'd for them a wreath of joy, and not a grace was wanting in their form or minds.

Before SHAM left the mountain, the important hour arriv'd, and, as had been foretold, each of NOAH's daughters brought forth twins, a male and female. SHAM's spouse bore to him ELAM and ARALABAMA; HAM, the swarthy CHUS, and KENAN; JAPHETH, JAVAN and JAVAN's sister, the rosy cheek'd DINAH. ELAM, CHUS, and JAVAN, were once the names of distinguish'd states, where, before the flood, myriads had dwelt, and monarchs sway'd the awful sceptre; and now their names survive in NOAH's progeny.

SHAMAN, with fond eyes,

view'd swarthy Chus, but with anxious heart, ruminated on the face of a person, who, in a portentous dream in the ark, was represented as oppress'd with all the ills of galling slavery. Mrs CAN alleviated the pains of their delivery by expatiating on the sweet appellation of mother, the most endearing source of kindred; the band of fathers, sons and brothers: of being the mother of mankind, a form'd indeed of earth, but actuated by God's immortal resemblance, the soul. Long, said they, have I been deny'd the sweet delight of attending children, harmless plants at first but half alive, still adhering to the parent stem! How blunt their first sensations ere they have learnt to think! Welcome, dear infants, I will introduce you into life: I will inform you to what dignity God has rais'd you by creation: I will teach you in your early years, to talk with your lisping

voices of the goodners of the Most
 High. She now brought the child
 down to NOAH's first embrace, who
 with a little of parental affection
 cry'd:
 I salute you, ye first-born of the
 Earth, so lately produced by the CRE-
 ATOR's forming hand—so lately un-
 form'd images of lifeless matter, now
 endu'd with a soul sublime, the breath
 of the ETERNAL. Welcome into life
 —into life immortal here begun! Ye
 shall be my future associates, when my
 tongue shall sing the ALL-GRACIOUS
 whom cherubim and seraphim, morn-
 ing and evening hymn rejoicing! Ye
 first displays of GOD's increasing good-
 ness to this renew'd earth, be his
 praise your delight! and may ye shew
 forth his abundant grace to those tribes
 who shall derive life from you. Ye
 shall be the progenitors of numerous
 nations, for I see, I feel that GOD,

will uphold this creation, his benignity
has triumph'd over his indignation.
Quick, ye children, be your growth!
auspicious rise to maturity! Oh rise
to the noble life of virtue! multiply
and increase, replace mankind, exter-
minated by the deluge. But let not
sinners, thus odious to God, be re-
plac'd by your descendants: may they
worship the Lord with purity of life.
May ye, O my little children, walk
before them in the paths of holiness!
O may ye carefully seek the seeds of
purity, that have surviv'd the fall of
A D A M, and cherish them in your
hearts. May ye transmit to your pos-
terity the most precious legacy, nobler
than life itself, the graces of a pious
and upright mind! May latest ages
be bless'd in your virtues; from you
receive the model of every excellence;
and while crown'd with blessings, they
walk in your ways, with grateful exul-
tation cry, Bless'd be our pious ances-

tors — eternal reverence attend their memory! **E L A M** and **C H U S** and **J A V A N**, dear honour'd names, to you we owe these blessings! You were the originals of that piety and virtue, from which they flow. That innocence, which **A D A M** by his disobedience had dishigur'd, you have again adorn'd with its original light; and from your example, its beams have been diffus'd to your descendants.

H A M, taking his children in his arms, cry'd, I will praise **G O D** the deliverer, the rich influence of whose blessings, descended on the connubial night: soon will he replenish the earth with inhabitants. O that the **L O R D** or **L I F E** would give me the years of my ancestors, and then shall I see multitudes descended from me, through all the confusion of various lineage, and shall trace the sons of my sons, and the offspring of my grand children.

SHAM now descending from Ararat, advanced along the southern plain, where between two rivers, hills rose in gentle ascent; the limpid waters had in some parts left their former bed; they had not yet work'd themselves clear, and large tracts of sand lin'd their lowly shores; but the higher grounds were already crown'd with rich pastures, where spring display'd its various beauties; the flood having rather manur'd the earth, than destroy'd its fertility. With the same obedience to the creative word, as at their first creation, the buds disclos'd blossoms and flowers of various hues, that exhal'd their odours through the balmy gales. The bushes and branches afforded him ripe fruits, less delicious and beautiful indeed than those of Eden, but salubrious and adorn'd with inviting colours. SHAM, with grateful heart, at observing this fresh exuberance of blessings, now con-

tinu'd his progress near the Hidekel,
which roll'd its waters on his left; thro'
nameless tracts, wild and desert, without
man or beast, or bird or insect. A dull
silence brooded over the air; in the
fields and groves not the least sound of
life was heard. All had a melancholy
stillness, like that within the leaden
gate, where sits the angel of death, rul-
ing amidst perpetual silence. Scatter'd
lay the bodies of men and beasts
left on the land by the retreating flood.
Yet the soil still afforded pastures, rich
fields, and tufted woods: the shrubs
shot forth their tender spires, and corn
arose that promis'd golden ears. Vari-
ous streams water'd the ground, and
balmy exhalations were diffus'd through
the aerial expanse.

After travelling some days along this
region, so rich and gay, he came to the
country, which lying at the foot of Pa-

rairie, he had often seen, where once the Hidkel and Perat join'd their streams, and thence in one current, water'd the splendid Thamisa. Now the country seem'd unknown; for the Perat, instead of flowing from the west, took its solitary course towards that quarter. In traversing this tract, he pass'd by the walls of the city famous for its hundred brazen gates. When the pillars of the earth gave way, its palaces felt the shock, but were not all overthrown; they were now half bury'd and over-run with briars and weeds; among which projected fragments of pyramids, which the deluge having strew'd with earth, were cover'd with rising verdure.

SHEM now directed his course eastward, where the sacred mountain, once the mansion of innocence, lately bounded the prospect: but now no

Hill obstructs the azure circle of the sky.
 The country was cover'd with confus'd
 Heaps of rocks, rude masses of marble;
 Some in grotesque forms, the shapeless
 effects of the disruption of the soil. A-
 mong these lay stems of cedar, with the
 roots inverted, and their wither'd
 leaves all the remains of their former
 beauty. SHEMA was strangely affected
 with pity and wonder, but little
 thought that what he now beheld,
 were the ruins of Paradise, the moun-
 tain defended by an angelic guard.

To avoid passing thro' these rugged
 devastations, he chose to return to-
 wards Thamisa, which he had pass'd
 by unknown. He enter'd the city at
 an opening in the walls, through
 which had issued the Peratoo. The
 once splendid Thamisa still retain'd an
 air of grandeur, still appear'd a work
 perform'd by the giants, those mighty

sons of the earth. He saw the pensile
gardens, saw stately colonades, and
obelisks, some erect, while others lay
broken on the earth. But the city
wanted its proper inhabitants, a mul-
titude of lofty trees lay on the top of
Og's palace; the leviathan, the sword
fish, the river horse and crocodile had
taken their residence in his saloons,
and the torpedo of benumbing touch,
was there with her young, and all re-
maining till the water subsided had
expir'd. SHAM offend'd at the smell
hasted from the putrid ruins.

At some distance towards the north,
stood a pyramidical structure, the top of
which rose above those sandy hills
that cover'd its lower parts, and
overlook'd all the other edifices. Not
far from the top, SHAM discover'd a
small brass door lin'd with the skins
of pygmy, and lock'd; but the key

being in the door. SUEM, resolute in his curiosity, after many efforts, turn'd back the bolt, and enter'd the structure. Within he found a magnificent arch'd roof, with innumerable rooms and passages; but all the light was produced from a few expiring lamps of asphaltus and naphtha; and from this glimmering light, SUEM discover'd, in one of the chambers, thirty gigantic bodies cloth'd in purple, and on a tripod, lay a large roll of parchment, in which were the following words.

Should the hand of the incens'd DEITY spare any of mankind, let HADAD's example, be an admonition to the survivors. HADAD, the father of the HADADIM, a tremendous name, was the inventor of a torturing death, by forcing men to swallow food, till their entrails burst; This was his sport, when the springs of the deep,

and the windows of heaven open'd their
 sluices. The waters then rush'd on
 the earth, and I HADAD fled from
 the destruction, into this ample prison,
 with thirty of my issue, all that re-
 main'd of three hundred. My sons,
 and my sons sons, herewith me expected
 safety. The pyramid withstood the
 assailing flood, tho' not without many
 shocks, during those days, which to
 our continual fears, seem'd to move
 with leaden feet. Mean-while I had a
 vision in my sleep, in which I saw the
 men who had thus expir'd, and whose
 death had been to me the subject of
 laughter, arise from their graves, with
 their bellies open, and their bowels
 expos'd to my view. In vain I fled
 from the meagre spectres, and my sons
 fled with me. They chas'd us furiously
 with the skeletons of hounds, and
 ravenous wolves; but our flight was of
 no avail, they soon seiz'd us, and in

I could not but be sore distressed. I awaked
 full of horror, and found my sons in a
 deep sleep, yet with piercing voice,
 calling for bread. I have indeed been
 inhuman, yet not less inhuman must
 I thou be, if the dreadful images of dis-
 tress, which at this instant tortured my
 soul, do not excite thy compassion.
 They now awoke, and cast round their
 languid eyes for food; but on our ta-
 ble sat Want in the most hideous form.
 In the mean while, the roaring thun-
 der, and the noise of the tumultuous
 waves struck my ears, I then looked
 at my sons, but was silent, and not a
 tear escap'd me. How should my
 heart was petrify'd? They wept, and
 LOTHAN, the youngest, asked the cause
 of my distress, but turning from him,
 I took up this pen to give vent to my
 affliction. Heavy hours pass'd away
 before I could prevail with myself to
 look at them; and then I beheld, that

the dejected faces of all the thirty,
mine own ghastly appearance, which
fill'd me with such agony, that I bit
my own flesh. These, the affectionate
sons of a savage father, supposing me
excited by hunger, started up, and
begg'd that I, to whom they ow'd their
being, would slay them, and satisfy my
hunger on the flesh that sprang from
me. Not to encrease their affliction, I
conceal'd the anguish of my heart, and
still remain'd silent; the bitterness of
distress closing my lips. The hours
now came and pass'd away unperceiv'd;
it was all one perpetual night, without
distinction of morn or evening, and
all were involv'd in misery, famine,
and affliction. With difficulty I dragg'd
myself to the door, to let in the flood,
crying, Why should we wait till hun-
ger consumes us? Those without,
whom the flood has swallow'd up, have
met with a speedy death, and the lofty

Thamista is cover'd by a sea, without
a shore, be our lot the same. But the
punishing hand of justice held the bolt,
and the weight of the waters press'd on
the door. After this, my sons succes-
sively dy'd, and I their father, with
the keenest anguish, beheld all the thir-
ty expire in dreadful misery. I conti-
nu'd to call them, as if still living;
delirious I went from one to the other,
and, in the rage of my hunger, eat of
their flesh; but on the first return of
reason, I curs'd myself, and the day on
which HADAD became a man. Over
it may Orchus throw his fiery mantle!
May the gods disregard it, and count
it not among the days. Perish the
years of licentiousness, and impiety,
when with a mind estrang'd from God,
I serv'd him, and was the slave of SA-
TAN; but curses are vain, and vain
also is repentance. My obdurate heart
was inflexible, when call'd to expiate

my crimes; for I would not repair
ages of vice, by one year of virtue;
but now alas! good and evil are with me
at an end, I am now no more, and
the period of my life is as dreadful, as
its course was detestable.

S H E M, with melancholy aspect,
view'd the famili'd bodies, yet the
imagery of death which they rais'd in his
mind, excited no idea of fear. In one
of the rooms he composedly enjoy'd
refreshing sleep, and awaking with the
early morn, left the pyramid, and pro-
ceeded to the southward, till he reach'd
the Perat, which the deluge had se-
parated from the Hidkel; and pur-
suing his course along the bank of
that prince of rivers, pass'd over a
natural bridge of rocks, into a country,
which though newly exposed to the
sun's fertilizing rays, made a paradi-
saical appearance. S H E M wander'd

far into this delicious land, and pass'd
 through Pharpar, Basan and Gilead,
 to Sibma's vale, where already the for-
 ward vine, in wild luxuriance, spread
 her inviting clusters, and beheld rich
 fields, hills, and enchanting tracts,
 without a name, till at length, mount
 Nebo with rising terraces greets the
 duteous traveller's eye. Ardent he
 climbs the steep ascent, to view the
 country round. Here, a prospect vast
 and gay, widens at every step, and
 ravish'd he views Basan and Gilead,
 with Pharpar and Abbana's glittering
 streams. Within his view, amidst
 lesser hills, rose Salem's mount, in the
 midst of a flowery plain. Delighted
 his eyes stray along the dewy vale of
 palm trees, and the blooming lot,
 which was to receive its name from
 Zoar.

While intent on viewing the various prospects, and in idea laying them out for the dwellings of men, RAPHAEL issu'd from an ambrosial cloud, in a human form, divested of that empyreal radiance he lately wore in the ark, when he deign'd to promise SAM a meeting on this mountain. The devout youth bowing with reverence, thus address'd the smiling angel, Shall the earth, after its destruction, be again favour'd with the visits of celestial spirits? from their appearance, our desolate abodes will derive a lustre infinitely superior to that of an assembly of kings, in all the royal pomp of state.

RAPHAEL answer'd, From those who are fill'd with the love of holiness, God and angels, are not far; and henceforth over this happy land, which now lies before thee, and especially

over Sion, shall open from the eternal stream of the celestial spring a lucid way, in which the ministers of Heaven, dispatch'd with high benefits, shall descend in benign visits, to those sons of earth, who walk in the ways of the LORD: for this blessed land shall produce a race, distinguish'd by their piety; first ABRAHAM who shall descend from thee, will become the object of these blessings. There in Sichen and Moriah's plains, where thou seest a clump of rising oaks, he will receive God's gracious promise to give to his lineage this fertile land. ISRAEL, the third from him, will be the father of those tribes, who led by Moses shall subdue the country. These shall be the people whom God will particularly choose to build him an house; for the ETERNAL himself will dwell among them, and give them laws and statutes. MOSES, though distinguish'd by his

miracles, will not enter the promis'd
 land; he only will view it from this
 mountain, as thou thyself dost now.
 There, in the midst of the country
 where thou seest an eminence rising
 amidst smaller hills shall be the founda-
 tion of the temple of Jerusalem the ho-
 ly city, sanctify'd by the glory of the
 Lord. Every spot of this country
 shall be distinguish'd by some great
 event, especially Bethlehem, where the
 incarnate SAVIOUR shall be born;
 There the virgin mother shall bring
 him forth — there the divine babe shall
 first smile. Famous also shall be yon
 mount of Olives, on this side the holy
 city, and Cedron, the future name of
 that brook, which thou seest, waters
 the foot of Oliver. The divine REDEEMER
 will often seek that recess, where
 he will offer up prayers to the FATHER
 for mankind; but mark that hill
 towards the west, on the left of Sion;

there on the torturing cross, by the
guilt of the people, the murderers of
the prophets of God, will the SAVI-
OUR complete the great work of re-
demption.

RAPHAEL ended, and SHEM reply'd,
Great and momentous are these events,
though in the conclusion mournful,
and to our offspring an indelible re-
proach, yet are they pregnant with
the sublimest happiness and glory;
especially to me, from whom the SA-
VIOUR will condescend to derive his
earthly form. Let the grateful glow,
which thy prophetic message has kin-
dled in my breast, speak my thanks,
for words cannot. But wherefore do I
not hasten from the mount to hail those
trails, in which my SAVIOUR will
pass the days of his incarnation, espe-
cially Bethlehem, the native place of
the Divine Babe, the brook, the mount

Golgotha. These places the devout

of Olive, his recess for solitary pri-
sons, and that dismal mount, where
he is to finish the decreed redemption.
Commendable is thy desire, return'd
RAPHAEL, and I will assist thee in its
speedy execution. Then raising SHEM
from the ground, with gentle motion,
he glided down; and passing Jordan's
broad stream, proceeded o'er the land,
and sat him down on Bethlehem's hal-
low'd ground, by the spring, which
was not then distinguish'd by DAVID's
name. SHEM with reverence, greeted
the happy land, that should receive the
impression of the REDEEMER's feet,
scoop'd out the water in the hollow of
of his hand, and drank of the crystal
stream. RAPHAEL then continuing his
airy progress, alighted with him on
Olivet, amidst the olive's new-form'd
shade. Thence he remov'd to more
lofty Sion, whence he look'd down on
Golgotha. These places the devout

patriarch view'd with throbbing heart.
But while his eyes were ranging over
the affecting scene, he perceiv'd, seated
on an olive branch, a dove adorn'd
with radiant plumage, that shinus'd
a lovely day amidst the thicket
shade. Among the wing'd inhabitants
of the ark, none ever shone with such
bright, and resplendent colours. On
seeing S H E M, the grateful bird
left the branch, and with sounding
pinions, thrice encircling his head,
confident alighted on his hand. The
sight of the dove alarm'd S H E M, who
knew not whence it came, and was
wondering how any thing which had
not been in the ark, could escape the
universal destruction; when the angel
observing his solicitude said, Knowest
thou not that dove? It was in the ark
with thee, and is the same which re-
turn'd with the olive leaf. Seeing it
fluttering alone in a field of wheat, I

took it, and from mine effulgent wing,
 plac'd a feather on its breast, which
 gave its whole body this celestial brilli-
 ance; then directed its aerial track, to
 these umbrageous recesses, here to wait
 the coming of men, and point out to
 thee the spot, where near Siloa's
 purling stream, thou shalt build the
 first house of the patriarchal metropolis.
 Let this lucent form excite thy devo-
 tion; for in like manner as the dove
 hover'd over thee, the Divine Spirit,
 which proceeds from the FATHER,
 will one day descend with radiance
 from the open heavens, on Jordan, and
 like a dove shall hover over the Son
 of Man at his baptism in that stream:
 while the FATHER will declare from
 the highest Heavens, This is my be-
 loved SON.

The dove then return'd to the olive,
 and the angel left SHEMA at Siloa's

silver stream, by which flowed near the foundations of the future temple. Here NOAH's son remain'd for some time, in order to still the emotions of his heart; but when the fourth morn dars'd its orient beams above Moriah, he sat out on his return, rejoicing in the glad tidings he was carrying to his aged father, and at length arriv'd within sight of Ararat's cloud-top'd summit.

On his coming within the mount's extensive shade, he found the silence of death gradually succeeded by cheerful life. The voices of several creatures undulated through the air; first, he heard a mingled murmur, which, as he advanced, became more distinct. He then distinguish'd the buzz of insects, the warbling notes of the birds, the neighing of the steed, and the lowing of the horned cattle. The beasts on seeing SHAM ascend the hill, affect-

fumbled about him, and, in obsequi-
 ous gambols, paid homage to their
 benefactor. order to still the emotions of his heart
 The first of his family who met him
 was DEBORAH, who standing on a peak
 that commanded an extensive prospect,
 had waited his coming; and on seeing
 him, hasted down the declivity, with
 each arm tenderly clasping to her breast
 the two infant pledges of his love.
 After their ardent embraces, in which,
 though short his absence, were shed
 some tears of joy and conjugal affection,
 she led him to the tents, which his re-
 turn fill'd with new happiness. NOAH,
 particularly delighted, hung on his
 look, while in graceful speech, he
 related that the Perat, instead of its
 conflux with the Hiddekel took its soli-
 tary course in a western direction;
 that the superb Thammisa lay in ruins,
 half-bury'd; while the saloons of volup-

tuousness were strew'd with the loath-
 some carcases of the crocodile, the
 river horse, sword fish, and leviathan;
 that HADAD and his children had pe-
 rish'd in the pyramid, by famine;
 that from Pisgah, for so he call'd the
 mount of Vision, his enraptur'd eye
 had view'd the MEDIATOR'S chosen
 land; but though it lay before him,
 in all the blended pride of every season,
 yet he saw it not in its fairest point of
 view, till the benign RAPHAEL de-
 scending, pointed out to him several
 scenes of the most important events
 relating to the MEDIATOR, and
 that he had visited Moriah, Olivet and
 Sion.

His narrative excited various emo-
 tions in the attentive audience, but
 above all gratitude for the copious
 provision made for them, and an earnest
 desire of passing the remainder of their

pilgrimage on earth, in that blest country, where their REDEEMER had resolv'd to pass the days of his mortal life, and gladden its towns with his gracious miracles and heavenly instructions.

NOAH applauded their desire; he had been inform'd in a dream, that the God of his fathers, would meet him on the holy hill of Sion. He only waited for the return of SHEMA, that he might be his guide; and now, without delay, they prepar'd to descend the hill, taking with them apparel, utensils, and the prophetic paintings, perform'd by an angelic pencil. The beasts of burden, the horse, the camel, and the ass, stood obsequious to receive their loading.

When the rising sun irradiated the third morning after SHEMA's return,

the patriarch, with all his attendants, prostrated themselves on the earth, and worshipp'd Him, who amidst the destruction of the flood, had preserv'd their life, and had cloath'd the earth anew, with fruit and herbage; that from its prolific bosom, innumerable tribes of future generations, descended from them, might receive plenty of sustenance, and who for their dwelling, had planted a new Eden which was to give birth to the divine REDEEMER.

Now they hasten to load the beasts with their apparel, furniture, and whatever was valuable; together with the remainder of the fruits, the spoils of Paradise, that had been left in the ark, while the camels spontaneously couch'd on their knees, to receive the women, with their sucking infants. Thus they descended from the mountain.

and proceeded by short and gentle journeys, lest greater speed should incommode the fair travellers. At the head of the band was SHAM, who being now acquainted with the way, was their guide. Nor did they travel without attendants, the beasts of social disposition, grateful and joyous, accompany'd their known benefactors. These, though few of each kind, were no inconsiderable number. The feather'd species also augmented the procession, some sporting over them in blythsome circles, or flying before, waiv'd their approach on the trees and shrubs; and as they pass'd, saluting them by warbling forth their sprightliest melody: but the beasts of savage kind remain'd in the caverns of Ararat; yet the half-rational elephant follow'd at a distance the persons who had endear'd themselves to him, by their daily tenderness.

Thus in cheerful journeys, the
 founders of mankind proceeded, and
 at length perceiving Nebol's lofty sum-
 mit, and leaving it far on their left,
 they pass'd the Jordan, near its two-
 fold source. They then proceeded
 through the fragrant vale, where
 rising palms were preparing delightful
 shades for future Jericho. Now the
 happy land where Moriah lifts high
 its awful head, opens to their ravish'd
 view, then the happy resemblance of
 the Paradise of G o d, though now
 rocky and deform'd. It consisted of
 plains and gently swelling hills,
 crown'd with fruit and aromatic
 shrubs, a wilderness of sweets, where
 nature, in her reviv'd youth, as before
 the fall, play'd her virgin fancies. As
 one exiled wanders disconsolate from
 country to country, lamenting his
 domestic hearth, on permission to
 return, with pleasing joy, examines

the country, it soon knows again the fields, and glows with transport at beholding the scenes of his youth; so melting joy possess'd NOAH'S young family, at the sight of this delicious land, to which the spikenard, calamus, cinnamon, and balm of Paradise, seem transplanted, with all its beauties, lying in gay confusion. The enraptur'd females now express'd their several emotions.

Hail flowery meads, said KEREN-HAPUCH, hail ye woods and hills, thou new creation hail! almost as fair as that destroy'd by the deluge! Delightful abode, where we shall tranquil pass our days! Ye flowers and plants of Paradise, here will I again attend you with assiduous care. Here you will thrive no less than in Eden. To you my pretty DINAH, will pay

her earliest visits, and you at even
will be her latest care,

THAMAR continu'd: Rise Sion,
and thou Moriah haste; for thus ye
hills I name you; haste to crown your
towering heads with spreading cedars;
cover them with projecting shades,
through which Siloa's brook shall run
in sweet meanders. When my swar-
thy CHUS and little KETURAH, he
hand in hand with DINAH, the with
ELAM, shall gather dates among your
wilds, and pluck the bark of the cinna-
mon; oh softly pour your fragrance on
their young discourse; influence the
palpitations of their unexperienc'd
hearts; and from your lonely shades
breathe tranquility and pious contem-
plations!

DEBORAH, closing the salutation
with thoughts more sublime, cry'd

also hail thee, fit dwelling of patriarchs
and prophets, land which in future
times, angels and the Son of God,
shall deign to visit. Here the incar-
nate REDEEMER shall frequent the
shades of Olivet and Siloa's brook.
Ye waving cedars, with softest whil-
pers, invite him to your cooling
shades! Ye fragrant gums, frankin-
cense, myrrh, and balm, more cop-
ious flow, and weeping, drop your
big joyful tears at his approach, while
every gale shall bear to him your wil-
ling incense.

Thus they sang on seeing Moriah
and Sion, while the glowing flowers
and verdant foliage seem'd to rejoice at
their approach.

An unusual splendence beaming
from an olive tree, now attracted
Shem's attention, and he soon saw the

Where I think on Bethleem, where
 shining dove, lately the messenger of
 the earth's revival, now pointing out
 the place where NOAH was to build
 the first house of the sacred city. The
 dove expanding its lucid wings, de-
 scended, and welcom'd them with
 gratulatory cooings; then rising ming-
 led with its fellow birds.

The men now with quick dispatch,
 pitch their tents by the side of Siloa's
 inviting waters, and then single, or
 with arm thrown round their lovely
 wives, rang'd the adjacent land in
 search of fruit, of flowers, and gums
 distilling from the fragrant shrub.
 From the mountain they now dis-
 cover'd a beautiful spot more profu-
 ly deck'd with flowers of richest
 hue, on which S H E M's devout
 spouse thus express'd her desire, con-
 fident of his compliance.

When I think on Bethlehem, where
the incarnate REDEEMER shall unveil
his infancy; and on the purling
rill, that will, perhaps, lull the Di-
vine Babe to sleep, nor retrace his
limbs with the cooling streams, I
long to taste the healing water. Thou
SHEM hast dipp'd thine hand in the
limpid brook, and know'st its course.
Oh lead me to it: a higher pleasure
thou can'st not do me: a pleasure I
hope void of guilt. I long to lay
myself down on the flowery bank,
and regale myself with its stream.

Thy design, said SHEM, is pure
as the brook itself, and willingly
shall I lead thee to it. He then
led her to the spring, she kneel-
ing, kiss'd the rock from which it
issu'd, and with her hands scoop'd
draughts of its crystalline stream.
They then return'd, and the same

of which had seen them let out
to the brook, lighted them back to
every species of clean beast and
fowl. Soon the mountain was covered
with other inhabitants than those
preserved from the deluge; animals
which there first saw the light; birds
of glossy plumage, and melodious
throat, utter'd from spray to spray,
while hill and plain rang with the
ruder sounds of domestic animals;
disporting in the newly receiv'd light.

The patriarch, now observing the
great increase of the cattle, determin'd
to offer a conciliatory sacrifice, not
only of the lips, uttering praise and
thanksgiving; not only of ascending
incense, accompany'd by prayers, but
of blood; not like that of Abel call-
ing for vengeance, but interceding
for grace and reconciliation.

therefore order'd his sons to bring to
Sion's summit the first born male of
every species of clean beast and fowl,
well form'd and without defect. He
himself went up the mount, and there
found blocks of vein'd marble, of a
regular form: of these he constructed
the altar, and consecrated it with a
libation of oil. His sons now advance
with their victims, which being slain,
and laid on the altar, he offer'd them
as a grateful sacrifice to God, their
Almighty and all-gracious DELIVER-
ER.

During the oblation, the patriarch
and his sons worshipp'd, in humble
prostration, with their heads bow'd
down to the earth. Their devout ori-
sons ascended with the smoke of the
offering, and such favour did their
dutious homage obtain from the ETER-
NAL, that He descended to the altar,

and invisible gave them His benediction. **O NOAH**, said the voice divine, dismise thy fears and apprehensions, the chastising hand of justice has discharged its office, and henceforth, never shall it visit with such destruction the human race, so prone to fall, so easily perverted. I will set bounds to the sea, which it shall not pass. Kindly dews and gentle rains shall cherish the soil, and each succeeding year, the spring shall be cloth'd with verdure and blossoms, forerunners of plenty. Take then possession of the land, thou my faithful servant, whom I, for this purpose, have preserv'd, and for thy sake, have renew'd the earth. Plain, valley, and hill are thine, thou shalt people them with tribes innumerable. To thee and thy descendants, I give the earth, with all beasts,

few and small, even as I have
 I subject them and I farther promise,
 and on my promise and reconciliation,
 may I securely rely, that to the
 end of time, the earth shall be no
 more desol'd by a deluge, or such be-
 hold, as the seal of this promise I
 have plac'd my bow in the firmament,
 which shall ever be to man a sign of
 my covenant and forgiveness.

The devout family then looking up
 with extatic joy, beheld the ethereal
 bow shine, in the vary'd lustre of
 colours, arrang'd in beautiful gra-
 dations, with magnificent circle gird-
 ing the earth on the eastern side of the
 firmament.

Noah then with uplifted hands
 thus address'd the Deity:

Lord, what is man that Thou art
 thus mindful of him? Is he not
 the dust of the earth, animated with
 the breath of life Thou hast imparted;
 but unhappily is deprived of that in-
 nocence which the divine breath com-
 municated to his heart? Was it not
 for him, that death was created? Man
 is sin and misery, but Thou art all
 grace and forgiveness. Thou wilt
 not utterly cut off his race; even
 amidst the flood Thou hast preserv'd a
 seed for him — for him Thou hast re-
 new'd the earth. Oh how are we
 more precious in Thy sight — how
 are we more deserving of Thy clemen-
 cy, than they who perish'd in the
 deluge? But Thou bowest the Hea-
 vens and comest down; Thou adornest
 them by Thy cheering bow, to shew
 and confirm Thy goodness. Will
 celestial Truth, then condescend
 to enter into covenant with a worm?

Oh for the seraph's strain, For
 his flaming adorations, what I might
 more lively feel, and more warmly
 express the sense I would entertain
 of this Divine love! Oh that my
 ascriptions of praise might ascend
 with the sublimity of an heavenly
 spirit! Aid me, ye my blest an-
 cestors, and chief thou A D A M, and
 Enoch, to offer on this earthly al-
 tar the praises of our God! and ye
 cherubim and seraphim exalt my
 grateful song with your transcendant
 strains!

Thus NOAH pour'd forth his gra-
 titude, while the fire consum'd his
 typical sacrifice. The vivid bow's ra-
 sist'd colours now insensibly fa-
 ded, and the E T E R N A L spake no
 more! then condescend
 to enter into covenant with a worm;

The sacrifice being ended, they repaired to their tents, and the following days other occupations dominated their attention. Olive trees and cedars of antediluvian growth, yield to the axes of Noah's laborious sons, who now on the plan of Sirha's mansion, where their loved spouses drew their breath, erect a house, but more spacious; the rooms more and larger; the outside of cedar, and the lofty roof lenc'd with rushes in neat arrangement. Beautiful ovals separated the chambers: the floors were inlaid with chequer'd mosaic, and some rooms were hung with tapestry, the employment of their spouses virgin days. In an ample saloon were plac'd the prophetic paintings, RAPHAELE'S ineffable work.

This tranquil dwelling Noah
call'd Salem, the House of Peace.
It was his settled residence, whence
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